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The train now standing at platform 1 belongs to Japan



PETER RODGERS

Britain, the nation that gave rail-ways 10 the world, is to sell a third of its locomotives and rolling stock to the Japanese and Americans. Nomura, Japan's biggest securities firm. s poised to huy one of British Rail's three rolling stock leasing companies, known as Roscos, in partnership with Babcock & Brown, a US fi-

been successful in their joint bid for Angel Trains, one of three similar companies the government has put up for sale tbrough Hambros, the merchant bank.

The three companies between them own British Rail's entire flect of passenger trains and lease them to the train operating companies that responsible for part of the

the first big British Rail operation to be privatised, with the government hoping to raise as much as £1.7bn for the three companies, dwarfing the £100m proceeds so far from selling oth-

er much smaller parts of British

With City estimates of the value of the bigh profile pri-vatisation of Railtrack next spring plummeting to below £2bn, the Government has regarded the sale of the Roscos

in proving that it can successfully sell the railways. The other two Roscos, called

Eversbolt and Porterbrook, are expected to go to management buyouts. The Eversholl manment has been backed by a British venture capital company, Candover, while Porterbrook's bid has been backed by Charterhouse, the merchant bank. The Government argues that the cheapest way to finance investment in new trains will be

injection of international capital, which will also introduce new and cheaper financing

A large number of airlines already operate almost entirely through leasing rather than purchasing of aircraft, and the same theory is now being applied to the railways. - a far cry from the days of steam when locomotives were mostly built by the companies that owned

leases do not usually include maintenance responsibilities, hut these will be the case with

the railways.
The Roscos have eight to ten year leasing contracts with the train operators that guarantee them income from the existing mainly old rolling stock that they will be taking over. But they will be free to charge more for leases on any new rolling stock they supply to the train



Futuristic: The super-fast Japanese 'Bullet' train

Victory for Mackay on violence Bill

'Moral majority outmanoeuvred

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Lord Mackay's controversial bill on domestic violence, dropped by the Government in its closing Commons stages last week, has been revived and is expected to be combined with the Divorce Law Reform Bill to be announced in next week's

In a victory for the Lord Chancellor, key Lords and Commons husiness managers agreed vesterday that the two measures should be combined in a single bill to be foresbadowed at the opening of the new session next Wednesday.

After a clear decision that the

Divorce Bill, intended to end "quickie" divorces hased on fault, should go ahead, in spite of the opposition of moral majority MPs on the Tory backbenches, the Lord Chancellor has secured backing for an amended Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill to go ahead as well.

Lord Mackay was clearly disappointed last week when he was forced to abandon the Domestic Violence Bill, despite making concessions to backbenchers who claimed the measure undermined the institution of marriage by reinforcing protection for unmarried women against battering.

Under the new plan agreed in principle at a meeting yes-terday between the Lord Chancellor, Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, and Alastair Goodlad, Chief Whip, the two bills will now be comhined and so probably both be subject to a free vote.

This strategy means also that whereas the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill was taken through the Lords and Commons in a "fast-track" process intended for uncontentious legislation, the measure now will be given time for debate and amendment in both Houses of Parliament.

Before be was forced to pull the Domestic Violence Bill from the current programme, Lord Mackay had discussed changes with backbenchers, including an amendment of a clause that gives unmarried people rights of occupation in homes owned by their partners for six months if they bave been subject to violence or harassment.

One change that the Lord Chancellor is understood to have offered was to time-limit the occupation rights to one year, so that the occupation orders could not be repeatedly renewed. He is said by some previous backbench critics to have agreed to modify the de-finition of "barm" from which partners would be protected in the hill, so as not to embrace mental as well physical harass-ment. He is said also to have firmed up language in the bill designed to underline the distinction between married and unmarried couples and to produce clear guidelines on how it should be interpreted by

Roger Gale, MP for Thanet North, said last night that although he could not vouch for his colleagues, he believed that "Lord Mackay had gone a very long way to meet the concerns we hade expressed." Mr Gale said he told the Lord Chancellor he was prepared to support the bill in the form that Lord Mackay had outlined.

The Lord Chancellor regards the bill, the main components of which were recommended by the Law Commission, as an important consolidatory mea sure. Even in its amended form, the bill would still codify the rights of unmarried partners to seek recourse against domestic violence.

Final ratification will await John Major's return from the commonwealth Conference but the Prime Minister is understood to have indicated that he backed both Lord Mackay's desire to proceed with the divorce bill, and his declared intention of bringing back the Family homes and Domestic Vi-

olence Bill "as soon as possible." In a speech to family law solicitors on Tuesday, Lord Mackay made clear it would he possible to amend the Divorce Bill in its passage through Parliament, and said be was prepared to drop the requirement for anybody filing a divorce petition to attend an information meeting where experts could spell out alternatives. Instead he would be prepared to substitute a video that couples could watch at home, or

Powell beats White House retreat

Decision prompted by killing of Israeli prime minister RUPERT CORNWELL Washington General Colin Powell, the first black American to command the US armed forces and by far the most popular figure in pubessential for a presidential run.

lie life here, has decided not to seek the White House in 1996, according to close political as-Gen Powell, 58, was sched-

uled to make his announcement yesterday afternoon al a hotel in suhurban Washington, ending months of speculation which had frozen the contest for the Republican nomination while he made up his mind.

In the end the decision has come more quickly than expected, and prompted in part, il is widely believed, by the weekend assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel - an event that only underscored the fears of Alma Powell of an attempt on the life of her busband were he to try to become the first black president in US history.

Although the Powell camp had maintained a Sphinx-like silence on his intentions, signs mounted in the last few days that the fortnight-long retreat after the conclusion of his hugely successful book tour would produce a decision not to enter

Addressing a husiness convention in Philadelphia on Tuesday, Gen Powell spoke only vaguely of his future, saying that there is a role for each and every one of us to play...and I am searching for the role I

should play." Moreover, as his self-imposed deadline of Thanksgiving Day on 23 No-vember drew nearer, he had given no sign of starting to put in place the national organisation

The withdrawal of Gen Powell leaves Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, an even firmer favourite for the Republican nomination. Even with Gen Powell in the field, Mr Dole was slightly the preferred choice of registered Republicans.

Yesterday Mr Dole, in New Hampshire to receive the prized endorsement of Governor Stepben Merrill ahead of the state's all-important primary on 20 February, was guarded in his reaction - perhaps seeking to keep the door open to picking Gen Powell as his vicepresidential running mate, a move that could ensure him the While House.

Unusually silent too was the House Speaker, Newt Gingrich, who has refused to rule out a White House bid of his own next year, even though be admits it is unlikely. But despite polls showing he would be trounced by Mr Clinton, and would be unlikely to win the Republican nomination, many quarters of the party's influen-tial ideological right wing are pressing Mr Gingrich to stand. The non-candidacy of Gen

Powell also gives new bope to several minor candidates. For all Mr Dole's lead, doubts persist about his age (he would be 73 on taking office).

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telephone calls from experts. General salute: Com Powell and his wife, Alma, who feared for his life if he ran for office Assad: I can do business with Peres

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Damascus

President Hafez al-Assad of Syria said yesterday be is ready to move ahead quickly towards a peace settlement with Israel's acting Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, in the aftermath of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Mr Assad told the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, he believed the "technical ob-

US and Russia in troops deal

Russia and the United States resolved

their diplomatic battle over who will

command Russian troops in any Nato-

led peace force for Bosnia. Russia's De-

fence Minister, Pavel Grachev, said at

stacles" to a deal were not in-surmountable. Mr Rifkind was the first foreign emissary to meet the Syrian leader since the murder of Mr Rabin by a Jewish extremist last Saturday.

"He said it was Syria's desire to see a successful achievement of peace negotiations and he believed this could be achieved very quickly," Mr Rifkind told reporters.
The president's remarks

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Mr Rifkind gave the Syrian leader a first-hand account of his talks with Israeli ministers at Mr Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem, Mr Assad apperently histened with close attention and repeated forcefully: "Yes, I am committed to peace."

This morning the Foreign Secretary will communicate his

Anti-gay violence More than a third of gay men and women – and half

of those aged under 18 -

were the first Syrian reaction impressions of the two-hour meeting with President Assad diretly to Mr Peres in Israel. It is understood that the Syrian president told his visitors that Syria knew Mr Peres well and believed him to be serious in his

commitment to peace.

Mr Assad also made it clear that the killing of Mr Rabin had caused the Syrians to reconsider their misconception that Israeli leaders did not face violent

domestic opposition to a compromise peace deal.

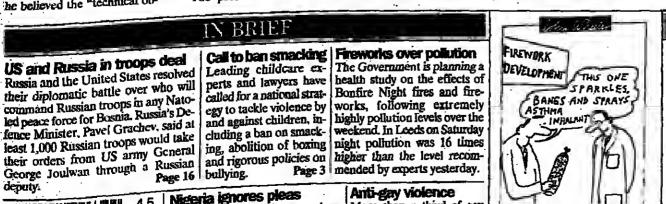
Syria is the key hardline Arab state that has not yet made peace with tsrael and a settlement would also include Lebanon.

But talks hetween senior Israeli and Syrian officers have stalled over the conditions and extent of an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Golan

The Syrian Foreign Minister, Farouq Al-Sharaa, said it was possible that Mr Rabin's assassination - which he has privately described as "tragic" - could contain a "silver lining" in the shape of an opportunity to

speed up negotiations.

Mr Rifkind flew to Tel Aviv from Damascus last night and will meet the Palestinian leader Yassar Arafat in Gaza today. Syria's resolve, page 18



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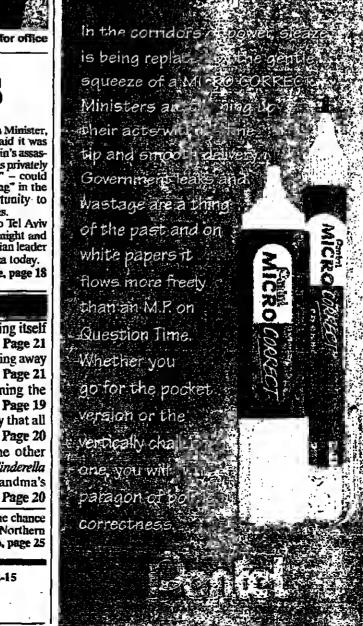
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'Human shields': British victims buoyed by £3m award in France

BA to pay damages to Gulf war passengers

CLARE GARNER

British Airways was yesterday ordered by a court in Paris to pay at least £3m in damages to French passengers it flew to Kuwait hours after the Iraq invasion in 1990. The French ruling has restored hope to 24 British passengers, also held as Saddam Hussein's "human shields", whose appeal cases are due to be heard in the House

The Paris court ruled that British Airways had put passengers in unduc danger by stopping in Kuwait and awarded 61 French nationals. Who were among 367 passengers, between £50,000 and £80,000 each, depending on how long they were held.

Passengers on flight BA149 alleged that the landing, which was not listed on their tickets. was made to drop off about a dozen British SAS commandos. a claim British Airways denies.

Frank Lefevre, of Quantum Claims in Aberdeen, who is representing British passen-gers, said: "After the cases went through their respective courts of appeal our only remedy was to appeal to the House of Lords. This will go ahead unless the French decision has the effect of making British Airways and their legal advisers think

Mr Lefevre believes the French precedent will provide 'persuasive authority" for the 11 English and 13 Scottish passengers' cases in the Lords.

One of his clients, John Chappell, 47, who was held hostage along with his wife and two children, said: "This is great news. I'm happy that at last one court in the world has seen it for what it is and that it looks as though the French are close details of the claims.

going to get some compensation for it, quite rightly so."

"I don't think a day goes by when we don't think of some aspect of it. My wife is currently off work for depression which is a direct result of the whole incident."

According to Frank Patterson, of Pannone and Partners, in Manchester, also representing claimants, the implications for the British passengers' cases depends on whether the French courts were applying the Warsaw Convention or general French law.

"It is argued that the Warsaw Convention does not afford compensation unless there is hodíly injury which has taken place in actual flying or getting on or off the plane. In this case, passengers sustained psycho-

"We need to know how they won the case. If they decided that bodily injury includes psychological injury, we are talking about the interpretation of an international convention."

British Airways described the damages ruling as "extraordinary" and said it was considering an appeal. A spokeswoman said: "The judgement seems to be based on the proposition that the aircraft made an unscheduled stop in Kuwait for the purposes of landing military personnel there. This is untrue.

"It is preposterous to suggest that British Airways would deliberately endanger its passengers, employees and the aircraft itself in any way. In terms of compensation, many claims by passengers have already been settled in accordance with British Airways' humanitarian policy on an ex-gratia basis." The spokeswoman refused to dis-



Royal recognition for 'People of the Year'



Jim Ballard, husband of Alison Hargreaves

Association for Disability and Rehabilitation's 36th annual awards ceremony. She joined hundreds of din-

ers at a gala lunch to recognise 13 men and women for their courage and achievement.

Among them was a posthumous award for Alison Hargreaves, the mountaineer who died during her solo assault on K2 this year without oxygen, and solo round-the-world yachtswoman Lisa Clayton.

After a silence to honour former winner, the late Gordon Wilson, whose daughter was killed by the IRA bomb at Enniskillen, and who himself died earlier this year, the Princess praised past winners.

The awards were chaired by BBC director-general John Birt. Citations were read by newsreader Trevor McDonald.

that they were to have divorced on her return from her illfated Himalayan expedition. Ms Hargreaves was killed in

an avalanche this summer after successfully scaling K2 - the world's second highest mountain - without oxygen. Her body remains on the mountain. Seventeen-year-old Kelly

Torner, the teenage girl from east London who reported her former boyfriend to the police for his part in a savage race attack on a Bengali student, was also a winner. She is currently working as a full-time volunteer for the Commission for Racial Equality and plans to become a police officer.

Leading fashion designer Betty Jackson was honoured for her achievements. Her clothes are sold worldwide and she was made an MBE in 1987.



The Princess Royal paid tribute yesterday to Britain's "People Jim Ballard, the husband of tragic mountaineer Alison Harof the Year" during the Royal greaves, played down reports



Kelly Turner, who reported a race attacker

Jury clears vineyard owner who opened fire on burglars

A vineyard owner who opened fire on two intruders trying to his warehouse containing it is all over." steal wine from his bonded £12,000 worth of wine at his

cleared by a jury. Jon Pritchett, 60, a loss adjuster, was found not guilty at Maidstone Crown Court of wounding Steven Gilbert and Charles O'Hara with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Mary's Platt, near Borough Green, Kent, on December I

Mr Pritchett - who had fired four shots from his 12-bore

The two men had broken into ter the case: "I feel great now

owner after the verdicts which came after four-and-a-half hours of deliberation: "For those of us who have heard the detail of this case and for those shotgun, two of which struck who might misunderstand the Gilbert and O'Hara - said af- result, I think one thing is plain.

"The events of this particular night caused you great trau-The judge, Mr Justice New- ma, such trauma that you for sometime. I think the general lesson that results in this case is the severe consequences of what you did and the conse-

quences on you.' Mr Pritchett's solicitor, Ted Hubbard, said after the hearing:

been brought to court. "Someone in authority in tice has been done."

should have had a little more understanding of the problems of two criminals being involved and putting a decent well-behaved citizen under stress, particularly in the delay between the incident and Mr Pritchett

charges and the trial. But jus-

grown-up married sons, has since stopped producing wine at his vineyard. Shortly before the shooting he had also lost his joh through redundancy.

Mr Hubbard added: "This is them. I wanted them off my a man who has had one unfor-

"This case should not have being charged and between the tunate event after another." Mr Pritchett had denied that he intended to hit the two men after the incident, he told the jury: "Standing there in the dark, I was a terrified man. I decided I was going to frighten

Seven in death

crash case

Seven travel firm workers were yesterday sent for trial at Canterbury Crown Court after a coach crash in which nine American tourists and their

British driver died.
In the crash on the M2 m
Kent in November 1993, the 53seater coach collided with a van and rolled down an embankment. On board were 44 tourists

on a trip to Canterbury.

The company involved used to be called Travellers Coach Company Ltd, but the allegations are in the new name of Brelaton Ltd, based at Houn-slow, Middlesex. The seven face charges of accused of con-spiring to falsify drivers' records.

Blast charges

A man will appear in court in London today charged with conspiring to cause an explosion in France, Scotland Yard said. Rachid Ramda, 26, unemployed, of no fixed address, who was being held under the Pre-vention of Terrorism Act, was served with an extradition warrant yesterday.

Water aid

Up to six million gallons of water a day to be carried to drought-hit Yorkshire by tanker from Kielder reservoir. Northumberland, under deal signed hetween Yorkshire Water and Northumbria Water.

Tug protest

Five Greenpeace activists were fined after three of them chained themselves to a tug while two dived to tie chains to its propeller in a hid to prevent the dumping of the Brent Spar. The incident happened in Aberdeen harbour in June as the tug was preparing to low the re-dundant Shell installation to its dump site in the North Atlantic All admitted causing a breach of the peace.

Gun facts

Shotgun certificates are held by 670,000 people, covering an estimated 1.3 million weapons. Home Office Minister of State David Maclean disclosed in a Commons written reply. He added there were 140,200 people with firearm certificates.

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Jackson and Sony Tories left in a spin as to share Beatles | party press chief quits

DAVID LISTER Arts Correspondent

Sony Music has paid around £65m to the American superstar Michael Jackson for joint ownership of The Beatles songs catalogue, making it the third largest music publisher in the world. The record company is already

the licensing agent for Beatles merchandising a role it acquired a few months ago. And it now stands to make millions from renewed interest in The Beatles. With the Beatles Anthology

television series about to go out. and the release of a double CD imminent, the deal could not have come at a better time for Sony. One insider said last night: "If you can't have The Beatles, the next best things are the copyright to all their songs and the merchandising."

Money will now be paid to Sony every time a Beatles record is played, even though The Beatles' own record company is Sony's rival, EM1. Earlier this week, the sur-

viving Beatles attacked Jackson

for using their work in adverts.

George Harrison was quoted as

saying: "Unless we do some-

thing about it, every Beatles song is going to end up adver-tising bras and pork pies." And Paul McCartney said that Jackson had "cheapened" the songs

decade ago for £30m, outhid-ding Paul McCartney. Paul McCartney was last

Britten and Gustav Holst.



Michael Jackson bought the rights to 250 Beatles' songs a

night the first rock star to be awarded Britain's top music honour, the Fellowship of the Royal College of Music, putting him in the same company as Vaughan Williams, Benjamin



Senior Conservative Party sources said a clash of person-

leagues at Conservative head-

Mr Colver, 50, delivered his resignation letter to a surprised security guard at lam yesterday at the Tory party's offices in Smith Square, near Westmin-

distaste for "spin doctoring".
"The job demands a political

side, and I find that a hit dis- the 1992 general election. tasteful. You have to be a cer-

Chief Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party's election campaign machine was thrown out of gear last night when the head of its press office resigned because he was disenchanted with acting as a spin doctor.

alities with Brian Mawhinney. the Conservative Party chairman, led Hugh Colver to resign from his post after only six His departure surprised col-

quarters, but the sources said it was known he did not see eye to eye with Dr Mawhinney, who has a reputation for being a tough boss.

ster. However, he made it clear last night it was due to his own

propagandist. I am not that. You have to go zapping the other

tain kind of animal, and I am not that type of animal," he said

Mr Mawhinney said he re-

gretted Mr Colver's departure. On reflection, he clearly feels his talents, considerable though they are, are not best-suited for handling the run-up to the general election," he added. As a former Ministry of De-

fence chief press officer, with a reputation for a safe pair of hands, he was hired by Dr Mawhinney's predecessor, Jeremy Hanley, to end the series of gaffes which had dogged the party chairman. After Dr Mawhinney's arrival

it became clear to the party high command that the mild-mannered Mr Colver, who moved from head of public relations at British Aerospace, was not the political street fighter they wanted to counter Labour's team of spin doctors led by Alastair Campbell.

His position was thrown into doubt by the temporary return of the Tories' spin doctor, Tim Collins, the former press sec-retary to the Prime Minister in

Dr Mawhinney appointed Mr Collins as his media consultant when Mr Collins was selected as the prospective parliamentary candidate for Westmorland and Lonsdale, forcing him to leave his civil service appointment as the deputy head of the Prime Minister's Downing Street policy unit.

Mr Collins was yesterday appointed as the acting director of communications, but with a seat to fight at the next election it leaves the Tories with the difficult task of finding a permanent person to fill the post.
In other moves to bolster the

Tory election machine, Dr Mawhinney confirmed the appointment of Sheila Gunn, 47, a Times journalist, as a spin doctor at the Commons, Ceri Evans, 34, a BBC journalist, as chief broadcasting officer; and Paul Hooper, 42, a former Sun journalist, as press relations officer; and Vanessa Ford, 32, a former press officer at Central Office as his own chief of staff. John Gardiner, 38, private secretary to successive party chairmen, is leaving to become director of public affairs at the

Cot-death campaign focuses on babies' position

Health Editor

A new cot death campaign aims to persuade parents to put babies to sleep on their backs with their feet at the foot of the cot to prevent them wriggling under the bedelothes and get-

ting too hot. Joyce Epstein, secretary gen-

Study of Infant Deaths, said yesterday that over-heating is a recognised factor in cot deaths, and a number of victims have been found with blankets or bedding over their heads. The "feet to foot" campaign

is being backed with posters and leaflets illustrating the correct position of the child in the cot.

Ms Epstein said the camcral of the Foundation for the paign is part of the foundation's from the inundation said.

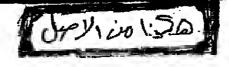
efforts to update parents and parents-to-be on recommendations for reducing cot deaths.

However, yesterday's initia-tive was linked to the launch of a "revolutionary" new cot mattress by a leading retailer. This mattress has a uniform surface which will reassure parents that their babies can be placed at the foot of the cot," a press release A spokeswoman for the foun-dation rejected criticism that the paign had less to do with cot deaths than with promotion of the new mattress. "A lot of parents have contacted us because they are confused about the type of mattress to use." She said the "feet to foot" campaign was aimed at parents of babies of nought to six months and was

necessary because research has

per cent of cot death victims are found with bedclothes over their

The number of cot deaths was reduced by half following the Government's "Back to Sleep" campaign launched by Diamond in December 1991. However, 10 babies still die from cot deaths every week.



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violent society.

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Leading childcare experts and lawyers have called for a national strategy to tackle violence by and against children, including a ban on smacking, the abolition of boxing and rig-

orous policies on bullving. Violent tendencies begin in childhood and ere made worse by the "macho male attitudes" in society, said the Commission on Children and Violence, which was set up in the wake of the shocking murder of toddler

But for those who fear that children are becoming more aggressive, the Commission conmore often the victims of violence than the perpetrators.

Bahies under a year old are four times as likely as any other group to be murder victims. One in seven 11-year-olds reported being hullied at school "often" or "quite often". And one third of 12 to 15-year-olds reported assaults outside their

James Bulger by two 11-year-old homes, by adults or children.
Ouc in six children still ex-One in six children still ex-

periences severe violent punishment and many are beaten with belts and canes. The Comcludes that children are far mission, which heard from 400 organisations and 500 children, says such "negative, violent and humiliating forms of discipline" should be hanned, as these become "significant in the development of violent attitudes and

actions from a very early age". Other recommendations made by the commission include the ebolition of boxing and any

other activities where cousing in-lence," warned Peter Newell of formal commitment to non-vijury to an opponent is the aim; the organisation End Physical taxing alcohol more harshly to Punishment of Children taxing alcohol more harshly to provide a real disincentive for (Epoch) children; a review on laws concerning the possession and use of airguns by children; a rigorous observation of the evening

Commissioner. "We are faced with the choice. If we don't take specific action now ... things will go down the American path to high levels of inter-personal vio-

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ation of a Children's Rights

And Sir William Utting, chairman of the commission, added: "We must develop a culture which disapproves of all forms of violence to children ... All the lessons of my working life point to the fact that violence breeds misery; it does not resolve it."

The law should be changed to outlaw physical punishment. he said, and there should be a

olence, central and local co-ordination of a UK-wide strategy against violence and a checklist for working towards a non-

Allan Levy QC, a leading child law harrister, added: "We know it's not going to be casy but we are really trying to get from the highest level of government right down to parents being aware and trying to take measures to cut out violence."

predictor of violence in adulthood is violent behaviour in childbood". Although family break-up can have an effect it is only "indirect", while social deprivation

for children becoming violent

"are clearly sited in childhood

and within the family ... The best

can also play a part, as can prejudice, discrimination and alcohol, or other substance abuse. The report warns that there is still an ambivalent attitude towards violence in Britain, with The report said that "the physical punishment and demost potent of the risk factors"

liberate humiliation remaining "common and legally and so-

eially acceptable". Violent images in sport and on TV must also play a part "which some commercial interests do not hesitate to feed and exploit".

The connection between mental illness and violence is also complex, with between 5 and 10 per cent of adults and children involved in serious acts of violence classified as showing some form of mental

Moving stories: Palace denies Windsor 'retirement' plans as Labour leader's loyalty to heartland of fashionable left is questioned



Official duties: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh

The Queen's home could be her castle

DAVID LISTER

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From footman to lady-in-waiting, it is the talk of the Royal Household; the Queen is to trade the austere and soulless Buckingham Palace for Windsor Castle, her weekend retreat where the corgis run free.

Yeslerday a Palace spokeswoman said rumours that resioration the casue ior lowing the 1992 fire was being speeded up so the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh could shift their principal official residence were "complete speculation". Even with her grandson and heir within easier reach at nearby Eton, Majesty magazine was rather doubtful. But others in the know were not so sure.

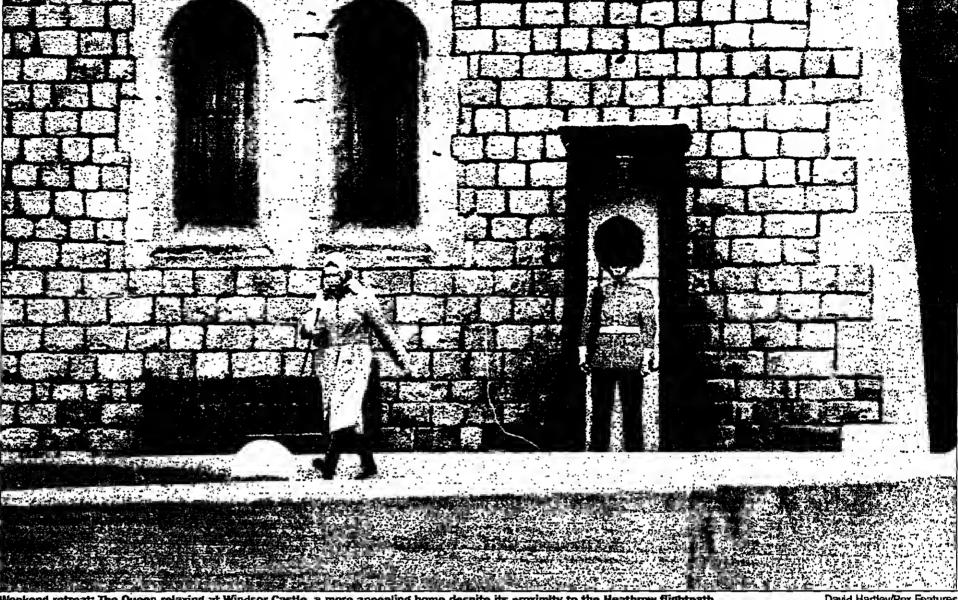
"Anything is possible now the Queen is getting older." said Brian Hoey, author of the first official tourist guide to Buckingham Palace. The palace has always been the office and Windsor home. Living in the palace is like being in a cross between a museum and the head-

quarters of IBM. Maybe the Queen is looking towards retirement. Windsor is rather a grand geriatric residential

A move to the country, some say, would make sense for the couple. The palace may be the capital's ultimate des res, boasting 500 rooms, a marvellous view from the front balcony and the largest private back garden Prince Philip have never hid

their dislike of the place. The Duke of Edinburgh compares residing at the palace to living above the shop. On the Queen's succession, Winston Churchill had to persuade her to move there. Previous generations of royals regretted Victoria's decision to make the palace HQ. Edward VII judged it draughty and Georges V and VI took up residence with equal

reluctance. Windsor, with its 1,000 rooms and the 5,000-acre Great Park. has that cosy feel the palace lacks, the current royals insist. Even the £40m fire repair bill



Weekend retreat: The Queen relaxing at Windsor Castle, a more appealing home despite its proximity to the Heathrow flightpath

David Hartley/Rex Features

ther has Windsor's position on the flight path to Heathrow. The 11th-century castle is fully douhle glazed; when her neighbours applied for free sound-proofing the Queen put in her own successful application.

If a permanent move does take place, the royal living arrangements will not be revolutionised. The Queen leaves Buckingham Palace most Fridays at about 2pm and seldom returns until Monday after-

has not dampened the Queen's hardly likely to be sold. But if enthusiasm for the place. Nei- the unthinkable happened, Lorna Vestey, partner with up-market estate agents Knight Frank and Rutley says the palace bought by George III for £28,000 in 1762, would be

snapped up.
"It would bring £200m plus."

said Ms Vestey, who thinks the likeliest buyer would be from the Middle or Far East. The problem would be planning permission to change the prop-erty. "Can you imagine what the Holiday Inn would pay for it?" noon. Her London residence is asked Mr Hoey.

Buckingham Palace

 Large private home in desirable location. Some traffic problems at front due to front gate leading straight on to a roundabout, but close to several tube stations; secluded gardens at rear with barbed wire to deter intruders - well

most of them.

Pleasing balcony for gesturing at crowds. Can be dangerous when fireworks are being fired from root above.

A particularly novel feature is the flagpole. Its tack of a flag for 80 per cent of the year gives it a pleasingly surreal.

 Asking price £200- £400m, not including flamingoes Ingarden. No inquiries please from estranged daughters in law or Canadian disc jockeys. Limited opportunities for hunting.

Windsor Castle

 Prestigious country property within Green Belt and definitely separated by busy motorway from Slough. Essertial nearby amenities including horseracing at Ascot and Windsor Racecourses. Children are well catered for with good local school (prior knowledge of boat song an

advartage).

•Handy for Heathrow, and easy journey into central
London (in non peak hours..on Sundays...at night).

•Extensive parkland at rear excellent for children. Some polo is played. Lions and tigers have now been removed. So whole area is now danger free, except for polo playing princes who fall off their horses.

Bye laws allow family in residence to use the property's rieme as their own. Again this means it is an advantage the castle is not sited in nearby Slough.

Blair may abandon chattering classes in favour of upper classes

ANNE SPACKMAN

If ditching socialism was not bad enough, and far worse than scrapping Clause Four, Tony Blair may be about to abandon Islington.

A rumour has been circulating in the property world for the last six months that the Labour leader was looking to move to Notting Hill Gate. He would be leaving the home of champagne socialism for vintage Bollinger country, where the best family houses fetch more

Islington is black leather than £1m. jacket territory, the cultural home of the chattering classes, the embodiment of new Labour, At the time of his election the Labour leader was portrayed as the ultimate Islington man - or person, to use the vernacular. It would be a cruel fate for the north London borough to have its most famous resident snatched away on the eve of what could be his

It would also be a had move in property terms. Since the cen-



On the threshold: Cherie and Tony Blair could be moving

tral London housing market stable, as with all popular parts came out of recession, three of London, there is very little years ago, nowhere has seen steeper price rises than Notting Hill. Houses there are now 20 per cent more expensive than race in one of London's trendithey were in the autumn of 1992. The area has overtaken Chelsea on the price ladder. Though the market is now

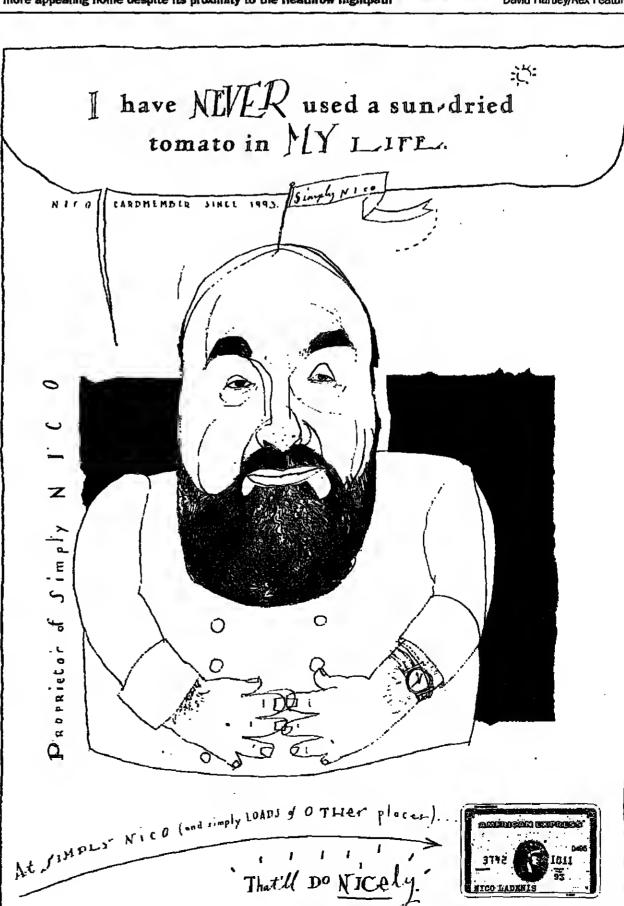
property for sale. As a Labour MP with a successful barrister wife, the £400,000 period terer boroughs was a perfect home. Should they want something similar in Notting Hill they will have to pay nearly double. Savills has just sold one good family house in Notting Hill for £795,000. Their best bargain is an unmodernised house in Chepstow Place at £425,000, which would entail living with the builders for many months.

There has been no official contact between the Blairs and any of the local estate agents. though they might be using a friend or huying agency to bouse-hunt for them.

But in spite of the cost, it would be a logical step for the Blair family. Notting Hill, in west London, is far nearer the Brompton Oratory, where their eldest son, Euan, is now at school. It is also on the right tube line for the law courts and convenient for Westminster.

But for all its convenience and trendiness, Notting Hill is still in a Conservative-controlled borough.

For every luvvie, there are two tycoons of the Sainsbury class. How will it wash with the grass-roots, living in their council blocks up the road? It could be seen as the ultimate



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Thousands dying from microscopic pollution

Environment Correspondent

Microscopic airborne particles produced by traffic and other man-made sources are causing thousands of premature deaths each year and are the most dan-

gerous type of air pollutant, the Government agreed yesterday. The victims of this "particu-late" pollution – tiny specks less than one-hundredth of a millimetre across - are people suffering from chest illnesses, heart disease and, 10 a lesser extent, asthma. Many are elderly.

Two Government-appointed expert panels presented reports on particulates yesterday: one on the health dangers, and one recommending a tough new air quality standard.

Their findings increase pressure on the Cabinet to curb the growth in road traffic, especially diesel vehicles, which produce most of the particulates from transport. One possible resoonse is to increase the duty on diesel to more than that for petrol in this month's Budget.

Both expert groups told the Government that a range of well-conducted" health studies had demonstrated a link between rising levels of the pollutant and increasing hospital admissions and deaths, at concentrations often found in

Yesterday, ministers from three Government departments - health, transport and environment - said they accepted the two reports and promised to hring down levels of particulates. They reiterated existing policies designed to curh the pollution, but did not announce

any fresh ones. In the next few weeks, however, the Government will launch a new strategy giving local councils more powers to regulate traffic in order to reduce pollution. Council officers will be able to check vehicles at the roadside to see if exhaust fumes meet legal limits.

The standard recommended

by the Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards is a daily average of 50 micrograms of particulates per cubic metre of air. The Government said this standard was broken about 10 per cent of the time in most large British cities.
The standard, if implement-

ed, would be one of the first for particulates in the world and also the toughest. The Government said it accepted 50 micrograms as a "benchmark" and would consider whether is should be adopted as a target.

Particulates are termed PM10 because each is around a ten-millionth of a metre across, or less - small enough to remain airborne for days and to be inhaled deep into the lungs. There are natural sources for them, such as salt from sea spray and soil dust. Even in unpolluted air they are present at levels of up to 30 micrograms. But during still, smoggy con-

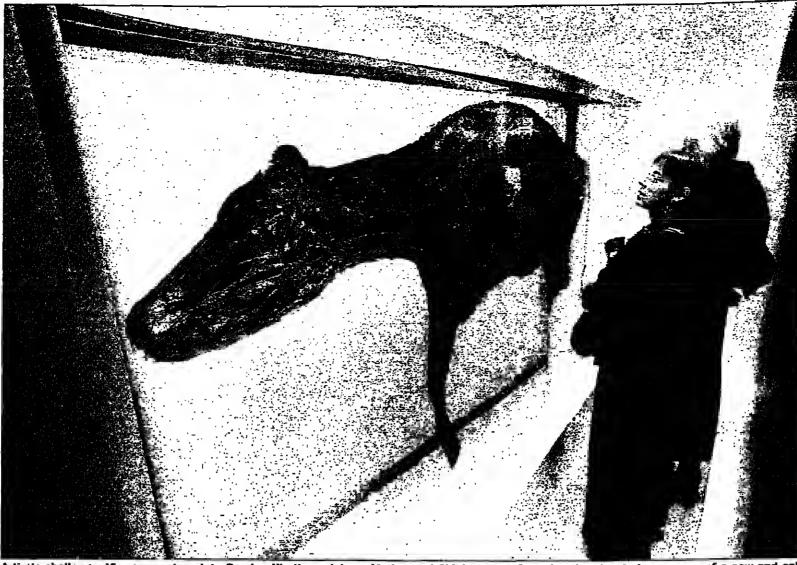
ditions in British cities, concentrations often go above 100 micrograms per cubic metre and occasionally above 200. Levels are usually highest in winter. Epidemiological studies in

the USA, Canada and the Netherlands suggest that each 10 microgram rise increases the number of daily deaths, bospital admissions and asthma attacks by at least 1 per cent. The second group reporting yesterday, the Committee on

the Medical Effects of Air Pollution, said these studies provided "clear evidence" of a link. Similar studies are getting under way in Britain. Translated to the UK, the

findings imply that up to 10,000 deaths each year are caused by PM10 levels of about 50 micrograms or higher - and many more hospital admissions. In addition, there could be

long-term effects, such as cancer, on the wider population from continuous exposure. Several other studies, some done in Britain, suggest such a link, although numbers of those affected are likely to be small.



Artist's challenge: Viewers contemplate Demlan Hirst's sculpture, Mother and Child Divided, featuring the bisected carcasses of a cow and calf in two water tanks, in central London yesterday at the Tate Gallery's exhibition of artists shortlisted for the Turner Prize Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

Union leader's driver 'was discourteous'

Union leader John Edmonds told an industrial tribunal yesterday bow he bad been greatly embarrassed" by his chauffeur's lack of courtesy.

Mr Edmonds, general secre-tary of the General Municipal Boilermakers union, also told the tribunal in Croydon, south London, that Tahir Raffi Janjua "screwed up" his timetable, because he did not know routes properly, making him late for Mr Janjua, 38, of Norbury,

south London, who was Mr Edmonds's chauffeur from February 1993 to March last year when he was dismissed, is claiming racial discrimination against the union.

Mr Edmonds said: "There were occasions when I was greatly embarrassed when Mr more than normal on regular Janjua many times that he did Janjua failed to provide the journeys between the GMB not have to drive through



Disunion: John Edmonds (right) was not satisfied with the service from Tahir Janjua, the tribunal heard

from any employee." He said Mr Janjua would take a quarter of an hour or

courteousness I would expect headquarters, in Wimbledon, south London, to central London.

Mr Edmonds said he told Mr

was screwing up a large part of my days." Mr Edmonds said. I was getting pretty fed up.

I need time in my car as work time. The last thing I wanted to be was a back-seat driver." Mr Edmonds added that he found it difficult to read in the back of the car and his wife complained that Mr Janjua's

driving made her car sick. Mr Janjua told him that a number of unions had better and newer cars than the Ford Granada he drove.

"I pointed out to him that the basic Granada could do 100.000 miles and then we would renew il. He said that would take many years and it was not good

to keep a car that long. Mr Edmonds said that Mr Janjua then tried to persuade his personal assistant to try and

Clapham to the city centre. "It talk him into getting a new car. On one occasion, Mr Edmonds said, he had to struggle

with baggage in one hand and an umbrella in the pouring rain, but Mr Janjua did not open the car door for him. "It would have been belpful if Mr Janjua had taken the bag off me. I had to put things down before could get in the car." he said.

Mr Edmonds said Mr Janjua was quiet and courteous until he was fold to do something that he did not want to do.

Mr Edmonds said there bad been no reference to racial discrimination in any of the disciplinary hearings and appeals which led to Mr Janjua's dismissal and that the union considered the claim to be "ittivolous".

The hearing was adjourned

Prison Service under fresh attack

Homophobia:

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IAN MACKINNON

The embattled Prison Service faced a renewed onslaught yesterday with a fresh government report highlighting its failures and proposing further changes to its structures.

But the service's acting direc-tor general, Richard Tilt, who re-placed Derek Lewis following his sacking over the Parkhurst jail-break, attacked the review as "unhelpful and unwelcome".
Mr Tilt pointed out that ma

of the changes suggested by the Home Office review contradicted those urged by Sir John Learmont in his inquiry into the escapes by the three prisoners on

the Isle of Wight last year.
With the exception of all but a few of proposed changes, coming on top of a headquarters reorganization only last year. Mr Tilt said the service would resist

the recommendations.

The starting point of the report, a senior management review in a wider examination of all Civil Service departments. held that further change was undesirable. But after extensive interviews the team believed that the last shake-up "had not been" a success" and that despite some progress the service was "failing to meet ministerial requirements in a number of areas".

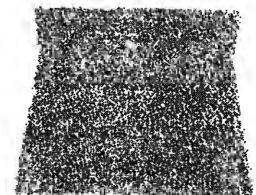
One of the key recommendations, accepted by the service, is the drawing together of the six top security prisons - Frankland, Full Sutton, Long Lartin, Parkhurst, Wakefield and Whitemoor - and Belmarsh, under a single, board-level director.

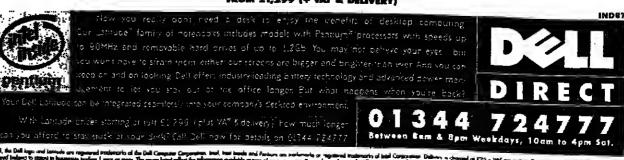
However, it also called for a new directorate of policy and operational standards to take over the responsibilities of the present director of security and the director of health care, which Mr Till, himself former director of security, said be opposed. -

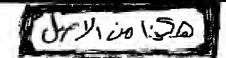
Mr Tilt was also critical of the more general attacks on the service. "The criticism observed in this report are unhelpful and imwelcome at this particular point in time," he said, "It's a distraction from what I consider to be the important task of holding the establishments together and delivering the service."



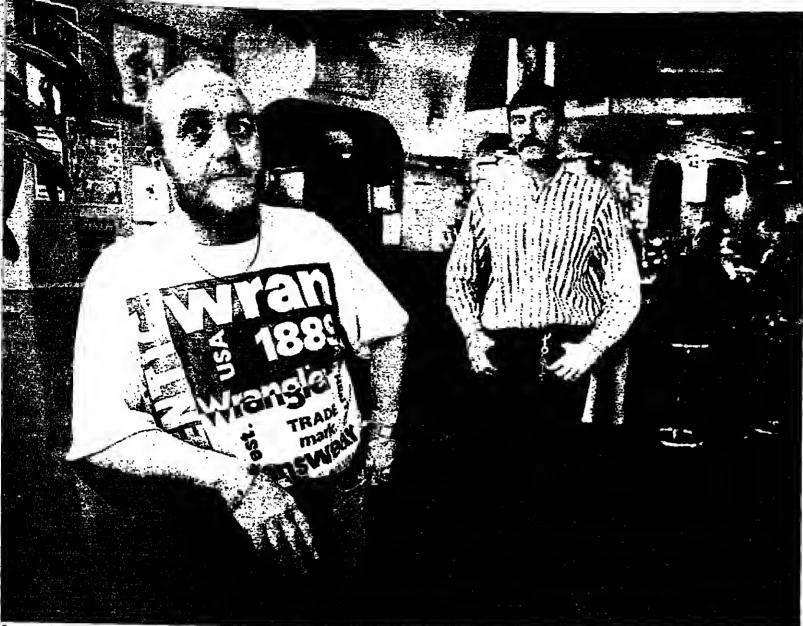
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Homophobia: As police investigate murder in city pick-up area, survey shows young homosexuals most at risk from assaults



Community in fear: Colin Damp (left) and Peter Hardman, joint landlords of The Swallow, a gays' pub in Plymouth

Photograph: Marc Hill

One in three gays is victim of violence

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

More than a third of gay men and women - and half of those aged under 18 - have been victims of homophobic violence in the past five years, the largest survey of its kind reveals.

The preliminary results of the unpublished study come the day after a 64-year-old man was murdered in a park in Plymouth and another was critically injured after being savagely beaten in what is believed to be a case of gay bashing. Both men. who were found just after midnight in a well-known gay pick up area, had their genitalia and faces slashed with craft knife and were severely beaten around the head.

They are suspected of being victims of an increasing number of anti-gay assaults. A nationwide survey of 3,166 lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals, found that 35 per cent had suffered violent attacks at least once since 1990. The study, by Stonewall. the national lesbian and gay campaign group, found that many were attacked on numerous occasions. The full resuits are expected to be published in several months.

Nine per cent of the people who answered questionnaires had been "systematically" heat-en up. 16.5 per cent had been hit, punched or kicked, and 4.5 per cent had been assaulted with a weapon. About one in 10 had

Attacks on gays

Stonewall's nationwide survey of gays and lesbians showed that: • 35 per cent had suffered violence because of their sexuality

. 16.5 per cent had been hit, punched or 4.5 per cent had been

attacked with a weapon objects, such as bricks, thrown

at them, and about the same number again had experienced other forms of violence, such as being pushed around. Stonewall asked the respon-

dents only to include violence that they knew was motivated by haured for gave

ple suffered the highest level of violence. Younger people were also more likely to be attacked. Almost 52 per cent of gays aged under 18 had experienced homophobic violence. In the 18 to 25 age group, it fell to 41 per cent, and for over-60s it was 10 per cent. There was little difference hetween men and women - about 36 per cent of males had been victims, compared with just over 31 per cent

of females Stonewall said the attacks recorded in their study were often carried out outside known gay pubs or clubs and in parks or toilets used by homosexuals for sex. There has been growing concern among gays at an

apparent rise in such attacks. Angela Mason, director of Stonewall, said: "This large survey paints a picture of systematic violence and bigotry. The figures about young people are

particularly disturbing."
At a conference on anti gay violence in Manchester on Saturday Ms Mason will call for an initiative between gays, the police, support groups and local

Stigma creates fear of reporting attacks

openly homophobic, but as in most provincial cities gay meu or women do not hold hands in

Instead most of the city's homosexual community prefer to restrict their public exposure to nothing more obvious than the lights of the city's three gay and leshian pubs and one gay club.

"The general attitude in Plymouth is one of fear and lack home after the pubs closed of confidence. Gay people are and did not go there for sex. seared of stirring up homophohia and don't want to stick their head over the parapet." said social worker Jonathan Madley, one of the city's few publically outspoken gay men.

"If you held a gay pride raily in Phymouth about five people would turn up," he added. But just after midnight on Tuesday that changed. The insular world of the West Country gay community is now under the spotlight. The catalyst for change was the severely beaten bodies of two men who were found lying 200 yards apart in the city's Central Park.

Terry Sweet, 64, died short-ly after the police arrived. His attackers had slashed his geni-talia and face and savagely hit him around the head. The other as yet unidentified man, who is believed to be in his 40s, has similar injuries. Last night he was still unconscious and in a critical condition in hospital.

Yesterday three men were being questioned by police. Mr Sweet lived alone and was well known within the Plymouth

Jason Bennetto reports on Plymouth's insular gay community

gay community. He had spilt with his wife several years ago. A friend said yesterday that

he had seen him alone in the park an hour before he died. The man added that Mr Sweet often cut through the park to go

Yesterday the area where the bodies were found was cordoned off. The park is one of the three main "cruising" areas in Plymouth where gay men and some supposedly straight men meet for sex. Also close by is a public toilet used for "cot-

Earlier this year the toilet was the target of a police operation. But the police now want the gay community to help them. They have set up a confidential telephone line, manned by social workers, for people to ring and give details of previous beatings.

There have been numerous attacks on gay men, particularly in the past six months, but the police only get to hear about a

Bob was one of those victims. As he left the park one night a gang of youths set upon him. He did not contact police because
when a similar thing happened
he says he was told by a detective "if you go there what do you
expect" "People are scared to report things, they don't want

usual 'don't care' response from the police," he said. Rod is another example. About two weeks ago he was beaten by a group of people who overheard him tell a woman who was getting too "friendly" at a club that he was gay. He needed hospital treatment bu

refused to tell the police. Plymouth is not particularly squeamish about sex - it has a notorious red light district and a history of sex connected with its status as a garrison town for the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, and Army. Added to a population of about 270,000 it appears

doubly strange that the gay community appears so timid. Jonathan Madley was struck by this when he arrived from London in 1988. "I was used to people being out and loud. The gay community here is very dispersed and unorganised." As an example he points to attempts to set up a discussion forum about gay issues which folded due to lack of interest.

Colin Damp, landlord of the Swallow puh, a gay hang out, said: The gay community is not very close knit and will go out of its way not to rock the boat or draw attention to itself."

Several gay people blamed the fear on an anti-homophobic atmosphere created by the military presence. Openly gay the stigma or retribution and the people make ready targets.

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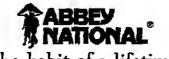
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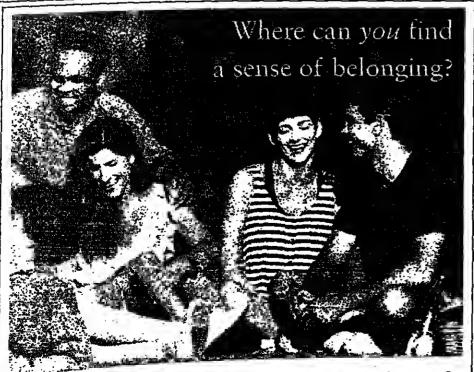


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Education standards: Independent think-tank says pupils' behaviour and effective leadership are crucial to making progress

Inner-city schools find elusive key to success

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Heads of successful schools are unobrusive ream leaders who listen to their staff, not the charismatic and domineering figures of popular myth. according to a new report on inner-city schools, published

pupil behaviour Good emerged as even more important than had previously been thought in determining a schoul's success.

Two schools of the 11 surveyed had prefect systems, but the most significant common feature was that the codes of

conduct were clearly laid down. Well-kept and litter-free buildings also play a vital role in raising standards, says the report from the National Commission on Education, an independent think-tank.

The report, published just a week after a Government "hit squad" recommended the closure of Hackney Downs School in London, tells the story of 11 schools with many disadvantaged children that have suc-

ceeded against the odds.
It cites a Welsh primary school where the head has hroken down barriers with children by putting lizards in his office and allowing the children and their parents to come in and tend them at any time.

At a Birmingham girls' school where 60 per cent of pupils are on free school meals - against a national average of 16 per cent) - the percentage of top GCSE grades has risen from 2 to 29 per cent in the last six

Professor Margaret Maden, co-author of the study, attacked Government inspectors for expeeting failing schools to turn around overnight. Real improvement took many years.

The commission sent teams representing education, business and the community into the schools, including such figures as Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of

England, They found that the head, good pupil behaviour, careful measurement of pupils' progress, common purpose, the environment and relationships with parents and the community were all key factors in schools

The word "understated" is more likely to be used about a successful head than "charismatic7. As one teacher put it: The overriding impression of the head is one of irresistible cheerfulness in a low-key and

unohtrusive way. Clean and hright buildings were a feature of all 11 schools.
"When the head wanted to improve the staff room by painting the walls and re-covering the chairs. I thought she should be spending the money on books. Now I know why, said one teacher.

Another school put "beautiful and interesting things" such as plants and fish tanks throughout the school, and repaired broken windows immediately.

Sometimes, the very threat of closure drew parents and teachers together, so that they were able to raise standards. "It was noteworthy that in these schools the will to succeed was strength-ened, rather than weakened, by calamities.

Launching the report yes-terday, Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, said: "There is much more consensus about what is needed to help schools to help themselves. There is a growing culture of self-improvement in our schools."

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said the example of the 11 schools was inspiring, "I get tired of hearing about people who feel they are hard done by when others who have been even more hard done by are actually doing something about it."

Success Against the Odds is published by Routledge, £8.99.



How to achieve against the odds

LOUISE JURY

Alongside the photographs and the brightly coloured artwork on the walls lies one of the keys to Columbia Primary School's success. The Behaviour Policy.

"We've all got a very clear un-

derstanding that you can't have good learning without an orderly atmosphere, headteacher Pen-ny Bentley said yesterday. The teachers and helpers

have their responsibilities, the parents have theirs and the children's were clearly enacted as the seven- and eight-year-olds walked in an orderly line to and

from assembly.

The whole school wrote the policy, including children and parents. We put quite a lot of energy into implementing it. Ms Bentley explained.

But if there is one factor that highlights the difference be-tween Columbia Primary in the deprived London borough of Tower Hamlets and schools in more prosperous areas it is the policy document itself. Like the welcome sign at the school entrance, the policy comes in both English and Bengali, CASE STUDY

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When the first youngsters arrive from the age of three up-wards, most speak Sylheti. Only eight per cent have English as a first language. There are 14 different languages among the 450 pupils and the 15 teachers have the support of five bi-lingual colleagues and assistants to help the children learn the language most of their parents do not speak.

You have to start with a conviction that these children can do it, that these children are as able and hrave and wonderful as any children and that they can achieve as highly as other chil-dren, " said Ms Bentley.

In Vanessa Chadwick's class, the uine- and 10-year-olds were busy on different tasks. "Over the fortnight, they have six activities which cover areas of the cur-riculum and they do them in whatever order they want," Ms Chadwick said. "The essence is to encourage independent working and thinking about how to pace themselves

It was, said Ms Bentley, pleasant to be recognised for achieving "against the odds".

Souness takes huge cut in libel award

RHYS WILLIAMS

Graeme Souness, the former Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers manager, has agreed to a massive reduction in the £750,000 libel damages he won from Mirror Group Newspapers last June.
Mr Souness sued the People

after it ran a front-page interview with his first wife, Danielle, in which she accused him of behaving like a "dirty rat", telling her to "get stuffed" when she asked for money to feed and clothe their children. Following an eight-day High

Court hearing during which the paper was accused of acting with "all the courage of a dead chicken and less decency than an el-derly skunk". Mr Souness received the highest award by a British jury against a national newspaper - the £1m Elton John won from the Sun in 1988 was an out-of-court settlement. Mr Justice Morland, who told

the jury not to award "extravagant" damages, ordered a stay on £500,000 of the settlement pending an appeal by the Mirror Group, due to have been heard at the High Court next week.

In a statement issued through his solicitors, the former Liv-erpool star - who now manages



£100,000. plus costs thought to amount to between £350,000 and £400,000. Mr Souness added: "I have

been advised that because of legal precedent, it would be sensible to accept a more moderate sum. My sole purpose has al-ways been to clear my name." Gerard Cukier, Mr Souness's

solicitor, said yesterday that the Court of Appeal had a history of substantially reducing high awards by juries and that £100,000 hroadly represented the figure the judges would have had in mind. We accept that £750,000 was a large sum and prohably was excessive. but ... it reflected what the jury the Turkish club Galatasaray - said he was content to settle for ment of Graeme Souness."

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'Eastenders' tops the complaints ratings **RHYS WILLIAMS**

Eastenders provoked more complaints than any other television programme last year, according to research published by the Broadcasting Standards Council yesterday. Releasing its annual survey of

listeners' and viewers' concerns, the statutory body for moni-toring standards of taste and decency in British broadcasting said that the BBC1 soap opera attracted 47 complaints, nearly half of which referred to the ou-screen lesbian relationship between Della Alexander and

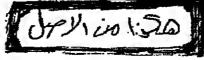
Binne Roberts.
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olence, particularly at the climax of the storyline involving Grant Mitchell's aggressive lodger at the Queen Vic, Dougie. Cracker, the gritty ITV dra-ma series, featuring Robbie Coltrane as police psychologist Fitz, prompted 46 complaints mostly about sex and violence
– followed by Jeremy Hardy
Speaks to the Nation, with 38 complaints, and Billy Connolly's

World Tour of Scotland. The most complained-about television advertisements were for Tango, which parents felt were too frightening for chil-dren, and Neutralia shower gel, which showed a brief glimpse of







Seeking traffic solutions: Congestion boosts market for technology and fuels demands for a motorway hold-ups arbitrator

Cars 'could have computer route finders in 5 years'

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT
Family cars could be fined with cheap, easy-to-use computerised route planners within five years,

the Transport minister. Steven

Norris, said yesterday.

Speaking just before visiting the world congress on intelligent transport systems in Yokohama, Japan, Mr Norris said the technology for such devices is largely developed and would prove

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very popular.

The planners first locate the exact position of the vehicle by receiving signals from a network of satellites. Then the driver punches the destination into the on-board computer which aking into account factors such as one-way streets or blocked-off roads. The system can also he programmed to take extra information, such as the location

of shops, hotels or restaurants.

The system can be updated as the map is provided on a com-

the map is provided on a compact disc from which information is input to the computer and new CDs will he provided by the manufacturers. Mr Norris said that about 10 per cent of mileage is wasted by drivers either making a mistake and going the wrong way, or by not taking the best possible route. He said: "These devices could result in considerable savings in mileage and reduced congestion."

The system is not yet available in Britain because the development of the map has not been completed, but it should be available next year. Already a European co-operation programme. Socrates, is working on developing a system which would also provide information on traffic congestion through a connection with the mobile telephone network which would

of shops, hotels or restaurants. automatically update the on-

board computer.

The technology could also be used as the hasis for a road-tolling system, although most experts feel that this may not be possible because the requirements are very different. Road tolling has, in any case, been postponed because of technological problems and its introduction is unlikely until well into the next decade.

Ian Catling, who runs a consultancy specialising in this field, said that Britain had a lead in the technology five years ago but now was behind Germany and Japan: "In Japan over half a million cars already have similar navigation computers because the government helped to fund the development of the computerised map. In Germany, people huying 7-series BMWs are offered them as an optional extra costing around £2,000."



Beat the jams: Steven Norris joins Stockport-London commuters Photograph: Andy Stenning

AA calls for a roads watchdog

LOUISE JURY

An independent motorway watchdog with traffic jam-husting powers is needed to fight on hehalf of road-users, the head of the Automobile Association and vesterday.

said yesterday.
Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, the AA's chairman, said there was an urgent need for a body with minute-by-minute concern and responsibility for traffic conditions on UK motorways.

Expanding on previous AA appeals for some kind of "roads service director", Sir Ralph added: "We must treat travellers as customers everywhere in our transport system. Whether they are sitting for hours in motorway roadworks, or waiting for buses that haven't arrived, they need to know that someone is aware and cares."

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The suggestion came as part of a wide-ranging speech at the organisation's national motoring awards lunch in London, which was also attended by the Secretary of State for Transport, Sir George Young.

Sir George Young.
Afterwards, Paul Watters, the organisation's head of roads and

transportation policy, said the government Highway Agency's own research showed that the public wanted an independent

arbitrator to act on their behalf.

"They want someone who can step in and deal with unnecessary delays caused by contractors or works or whatever. They want someone who can evaluate the cost of delays to the community and bring pressure

Although the motorways and trunk roads under the Highways Agency control comprise only a small part of the roads network, they carry 30 per cent of traffic. Resolving problems on the motorways would go a long way to easing the public's traffic concerns, Mr Watters said. An independent watchdog "with teeth" could be a lever to achieve that.

At the awards lunch, Sir Ralph also spoke about the need to develop a national transport plan. "It is 18 years since the Government published a White Paper on transport policy—a new way forward is urgently needed to be mapped out," he said.



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Church and state: Campaign to reform law on marriage falters as opposition grows in run-up to referendum

Irish vote on divorce heads for close finish

ALAN MURDOCH

The Irish Republic's divorce referendum campaign is heading for a nail-biting last fortnight with an opinion poll yesterday showing support for its intro-duction down to just 52 per cent.

The poll in the Irish Times showed the pro-divorce vote has slumped six points in two weeks while the opposition bas strengthened to 35 per cent, with don't knows up four points to 13 per cent. Voting takes place on 24 November.

In a campaign marked by the low profile of the Catholic clergy and scarce reference to Vatican dogma, opposition arguments have increasingly stressed the social and economic costs of divorce.

Divorce is banned under the 1937 constitution. The referendum asks people whether they wish to remove the bar and allow the right to remarry.

In the last attempt at reform, Garrett Fitzgerald's ill-prepared 1986 coalition campaign saw an early pro-divorce majority become a 63.5 per cent vote against, Then, Catholic orthodoxy was reinforced with a scare campaign warning of physical eviction of wives and children from family homes.

The present government campaign, hacked by a Ir£500,0000 publicity campaign, at first seemed secure, with 69 per cent in May favouring the introduction of divorce.

That majority has been steadily eroded by a hard-hitting "No" campaign alleging "Divorce damages children", claiming it would cost an extra 10 per cent in tax, a suggestion dismissed by the government.

This appeal to the wallets of perhaps Europe's most heavily-taxed workforce echoes the killer punch of 1986, when

cially to rural voters as an insidious virus likely to hreak up family farms.

This year's more sophisti-cated arguments cite data claiming growing divorce in Britain and the US is directly linked to increased poverty. In a relatively muted government campaign, ministers reply that this is muddled thinking, arguing the wider marital breakdown problems is the root problem.

Canvassing from the pulpit is now less overt. The clergy's influence is waning, undermined by recent scandals over clerical sex abuse. In a recent poll 75 per cent of respondents had "mixed. little or no confidence" in Church leaders.

Traditionalist thinking lingers on in the explicit Anti-Divorce Campaign assertion that the 4 per cent of separated couples should not have access to remarriage to 'protect" the first marriages of the 96 per cent of couples who have not.

Such "Catholic State for a Catholic people" sentiments anger the minority Protestant Church of Ireland.

But divorce's leading opponents argue that allowing divorce will lead to a rise in marital breakdown that would not otherwise occur, as couples end strained marriages they could otherwise have repaired.

The Catholic bishops' only re-cent intervention dubbed the divorce proposal a "bad law" that threatened "scrious moral. spiritual and social implica-tions for generations.

The law reform minister, Mervyn Taylor, insists legislation since 1989 covering judicial separation and family home protection has closed holes that sank the Fitzgerald campaign. He says the issue now is simply the right to remarry, and voting "Yes" is merely offering "a sec-ond chance" to \$0,000 separat-



From wedlock to deadlock: A pro-divorce poster in Dublin highlights the plight of separated people unable to re-marry

Couple rejects the English solution to an Irish problem

David Herman, a former electrical engineer with the Irish State Electricity Supply Board, married in 1967 at the age of 28. The marriage broke up amid "terrible rows" after 10 years, writes Alan Murdoch.

Several years later he formed a relationship with his new partner Maureen, a former civl servant. They have lived together since 1982 but although a judicial separation was agreed a year after the split with his ex-wife, they have been unable to marry hecause of divorce ban. Mr Herman, 56, has two children from his marriage, a

son of 24 and a daughter of 21,

who were brought up by their mother, to whom he paid main-

tenance payments.

He has no interest in pursuing a foreign divorce and says this would be impractical since he would have to establish domicile in another jurisdiction. "A foreign divorce is extremely doubtful [legally] here. Anyway I would prefer to have an Irish solution rather than trekking off to England, [Ireland] is a great country for moving our

problems elsewhere. "I would also like to see the state facing up to the Church and producing laws which do not, or should not, necessarily, please the Church." Though born a Catholic, he dismisses the idea of a Church annulment, in which the marriage is ended in the eyes of the Church, as "an intellectual cop-out".

He rejects claims that there is any serious distinction between those given Church annulments and the large mass of separated couples who had un-

happy marriages.
His own experience has left him unconvinced by suggestions that continuing a failed marriage is always better for children than divorce. Mr Herman, who took early retirement in 1989 to write books on hill-walking, accepts break-ups are difficult for children.

He says his own separation. when the children were five and three, "affected them very badbut believes that in the longer term an end to the parents' conflict meant a far less troubled upbringing for them. | EC2A 3JR; Freephone belpline available on 0800 18119.

Cancer patients are not told enough'

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Almost half of patients told they have cancer are given no in-formation about the disease or their prognosis, and 45 per cent only get between 5 and 14 min-utes with the doctor at the di-

agnosis, according to a survey.

About 1 in 10 hears the bad news from a GP over the tele-phone, while 11 per cent say

they were told on the ward or in a hospital corridor.

The survey by BACUP (British Association of Cancer United Patients] revealed many distressing examples of communication breakdown between doctors and their patients, according to Jean Mossman, chief executive. "One patient who had had a hlood test was told over the phone "Oh yes, it was positive, you have got leukaemia." she said.

In another incident a specialist spotted a patient with his wife in a corridor and launched into the diagnosis: "There is something nasty in the family."

Speaking at the launch of BACUP'S new patient guide for people living with cancer, The people fiving with cancer, The Right to Know, Ms Mossman said that 95 per cent of patients say it is vital to receive as much information as possible. "No-body deserves to be treated with indifference or not given the indifference or not given the whole truth, she said.
Tom Sackville, the health

minister, said the guidelines provided the essentials for good practice for professionals and health authorities and covered the inquest of cancer on patients and their families, what information they are entitled to re-ceive and how to tailor the information to individuals, "[The Government] is making substantial organisational changes to cancer care, what BACUP is doing is complementary to that," he said.

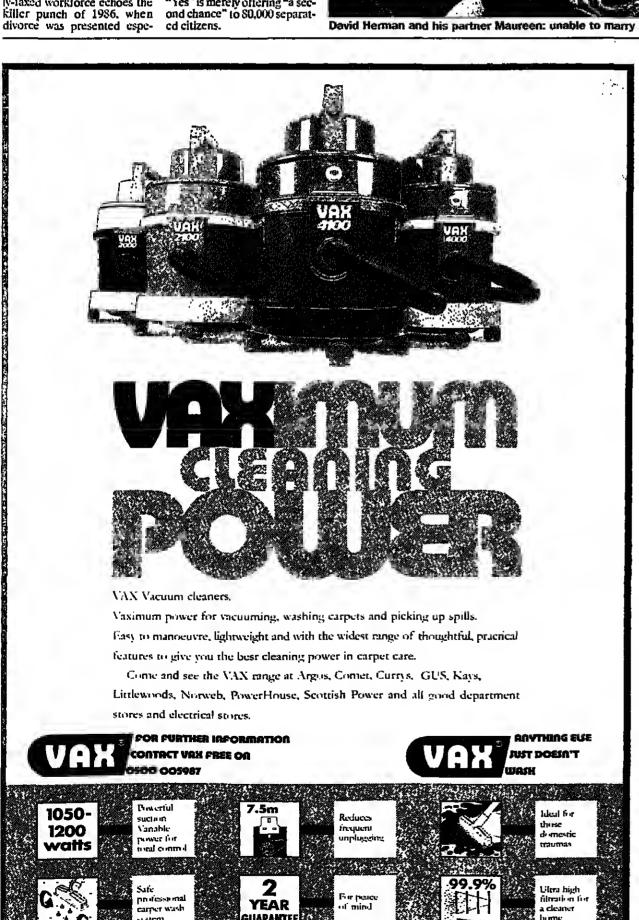
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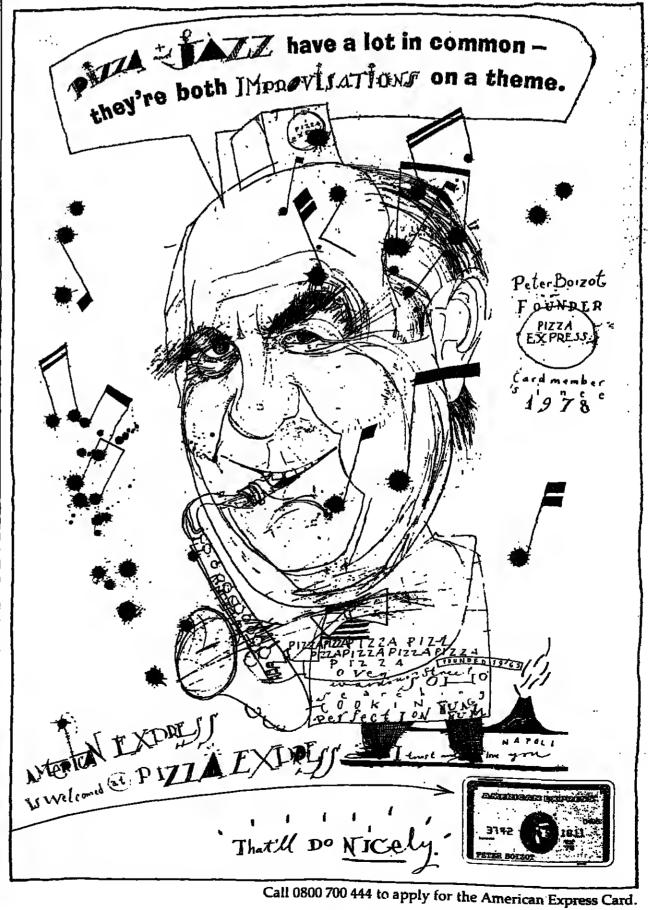
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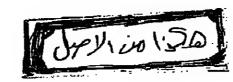
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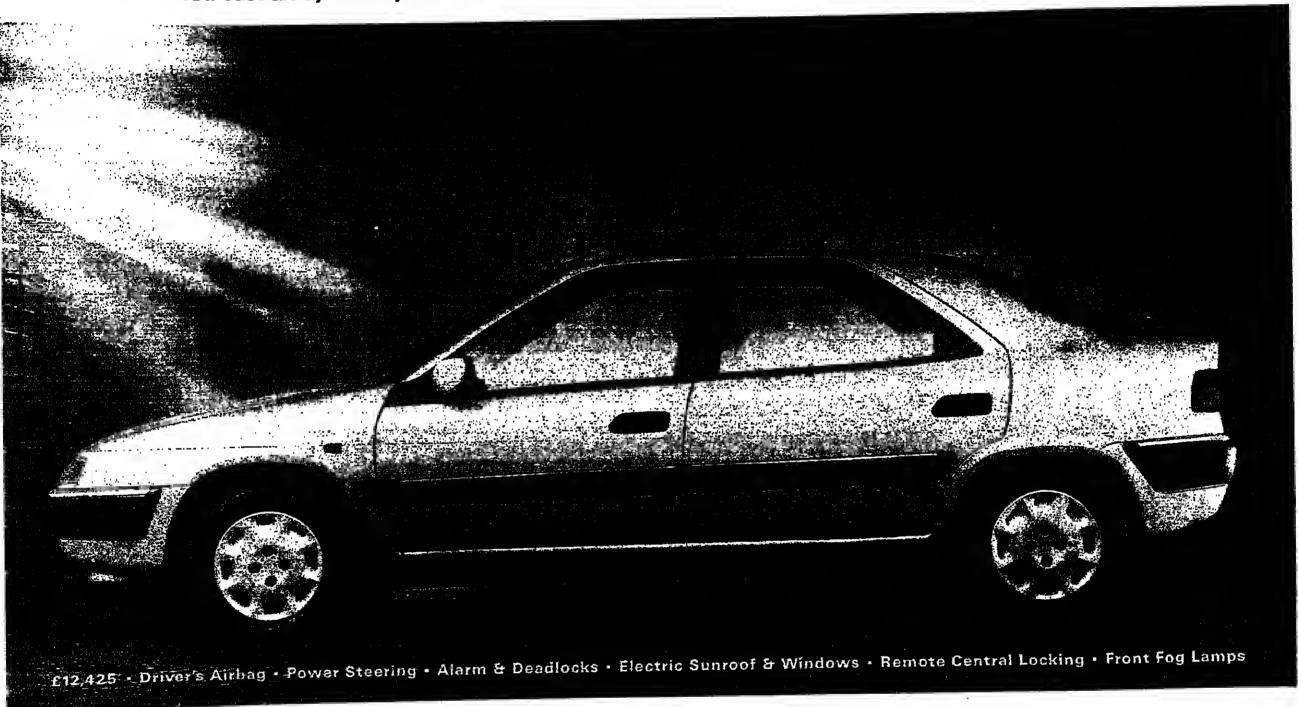


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Lilley's despair at cuts shows lurch to right, says Labour

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The Government was yesterday the right" after it had emerged that Peter Lilley. Secretary of State for Social Security, had warned the Treasury that its proposal to cut his department's siaff "fills me with despair".

The accusation by Labour came amid a big party political row over the leak to Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, showing that Mr Lilley has agreed cuts in his budect of £400m next year rising to £1bn in three years' time.

A letter from Mr Lilley to William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, warned that the impact on the DSS of Treasury proposals to cut running costs would be "devastating, and added: "Quite apart from the political fallout as service becomes chaotic. I am convinced - for reasons I've explained - that we would be cutring off our noses to spite our

Labour sources suggested last night this could be a reference to the difficulties posed by staff cuts in hunting down so-cial security fraud - itself believed to be an important component of the savings Mr Lilley has already agreed.

der-25s claiming housing benaccused of a further "lurch to effit - which has already been pegged to the average market rent level. Mr Lilley warns that this would require a Bdl which would be "too great a risk at this stage of a Parliament".

But he announces officials have found a way to make an immediate saving of £25m a year by switching many of the 143,000 people incapacitated by industrial injury to retirement allowances worth a quarter of the £38.20 maximum reduced earnings allowances they receive

Mr Lilley refused in a BBC radio interview to be drawn on the details in the leaked letter - first published in vesterday's Independent - which shows he offered to make cuts in housing and industrial injury benefit as well as clamping down on benefits for single parents.

-Blair said Labour were abandoning their opposition to reform, thinking the unthinkable, and producing plans to curb henefit spending," he said in a statement, "Yet today Chris Smith reverts to the old Labour policy of knee-jerk opposition to any proposals for welfare reform. Social security already illey has already agreed. costs every working person £15 The issue is v Mr Lilley's letter, sent on 24 every working day. Without my the Budget."

October, reveals the Treasury was seeking a new 70 to 80 per cent youth rate for 400,000 unability to pay."

However, the fact that even Mr Lilley, widely regarded as a Thatcherite, was resisting Treasury demands, is regarded by Labour as further evidence of a lurch to the right by the Government and one which is cost-

ing it dear in public support.
The letter shows Mr Lilley had consented to the abolition for new claimants of the £5.20a-week lone parent premium, paid to those on income support, and to the freezing of the one-parent benefit, paid to single mothers regardless of their income. The lone parent premium would also be frozen for existing claimants in a move that would hit some of Britain's poorest parents.

Chris Smith, under pressure to explain how Labour would reduce the social security hudget, said: "I want tax cuts, but sensible tax cuts - and this is not the way to go about achieving those. The solution is not to remove benefit from people who need it, it is to get people hack into work." Refusing to commit a future

Labour government to reversing the cuts, if they are made, he said: "That's not the issue. The issue is what's before us in

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Pause for thought: Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, and Liz Lynne, sociel security spokeswoman, at the launch of their alternative Queen's Spaech in London yesterday. The package of 'Bills' will form the basis of the party's general election campaign

Major rejects Ulster summit before Clinton visit

down a request by the Irish Prime Minister John Bruton for a summit on Northern Ireland before President Bill Clinton visits Britain, writes Colin

Mr Bruton said yesterday he had invited Mr Major to re-

John Major is ready to turn convene the summit in a fort- "the basis for a summit would night to try to find a way through the impasse on the peace process before the US President's arrival on 28 November.

But Downing Street sources said last night that unless Sinn

not exist". That was taken as a don that Mr Major will not agree to a summit, unless a substantial shift takes place in Sinn Fein's position.

a letter to the Prime Minister this week. Mr Bruton said a reasonable target date should be set for the start of all-party, roundtable talks, nominating six weeks from the beginning of the work of a planned internation-

The plan is thought to have been discussed when the two men met in Jerusalem on Monday after the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin. On the same day, Mr Bruton bad discussions with Mr Clinton. Mr Clinton has said he hopes all-party talks can begin before his visit.

Mr Bruton suggested talks al body to oversee arms de-with Mr Major in two weeks in Senior Tories campaign for doubling of MPs' pay

COLIN BROWN

Chief Political Correspondent A campaign to double MPs'

salaries to more than £60.000 a year was gaining momentum last night in the wake of the Commons vote to disclose their outside earnings.
The campaign threatens to

out MPs' pay back on the agenda early in the next session of Parliament, which begins with the State Opening of Parliament

MPs are angry that their pay rise is being beld to a below-inflation 2.7 per cent from next January and want to secure big increases before the general election to avoid MPs in the next Parliament baving to vote their own pay increases.

restraint, but the mood among

other earnings to scrutiny.

The widely respected former Treasury minister, Sir Terence Higgins, who is leading the campaign, said MPs' pay should be doubled and ministerial salaries trebled to more than £120.000 a year.

Sir Terence, who has announced his intention to stand down at the next election, is winning strong support from Tory colleagues. Allan Stewart, another former minister, threw his

weight behind the campaign.
"If you look at the figures, over the past 30 years average incomes in real terms have risen by 80 per cent: MPs pay has remained steady in real fallen quite sharply.

"I think there is a problem.

reinforced by the loss of lucra- Stewart said. However, the MPs tive consultancies as a result of supporting a substantial inthe decision to open up their crease in their pay are not in favour of accepting a big rise in return for stopping all outside

> MPs agreed to link their salaries to a grade of senior civil servant to avoid the embarrassment of voting their own pay increases. But they have become increasingly dissatisfied with their rises, which have been held down as a result of the Treasury squeeze on public sector pay.

The next increases are automatically triggered on 1 January but Tory MPs may seek to force a vote to register their protests. They complain that American congressmen receive the equivalent of £82,000; Italian MPs get £76,410 and French

The 2.7 per cent increase will raise an MP's salary from £33,189 to £34,085 - an increase of £17.23 a week. Cabinet ministers' salaries will rise from £67.819 to £69,650 - an increase of £35.21 a week.

ing strongly in favour of sub-I think the British public would stantial increases to catch up like to see openness about outwith the private sector. Their deside earnings, which I voted for. but an increase in pay to reflect termination to increase their parliamentary salaries has been the importance of the job." Mr The World has waited



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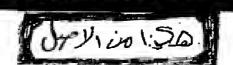
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Travel survey: Visits to UK fail to counter growth in departures as new poll reveals quirkier side of foreigners' vacation habits

Holiday exodus costs Britain £4.5bn a year

IAN MACKINNON

If you got stuck hebind a tourist's camper-van or motorbike during the summer the chances are that it belonged to

Equally, the foreign visitor struggling along the high street under the weightiest purchases might have been from Iceland. of all places, as they oo average spent more each day of their stay than any other oationality.

These little known facts are a few of the quirkier outcomes highlighted in Travel Trends, a goveroment publication which for the first time gives a comprehensive picture of tourism to and from the UK.

The survey, the result of more than 220,000 interviews with British and foreign visitors entering and leaving the country, has a more serious inteol, primarily to provide information on income and expenditure for the balance of payments

The had oews for the Exchequer is that Britons travel-ling abroad spend £4.5bn more while away than their foreign counterparts do while here.

£14.5bn as opposed to £9.92bn. It has oot always been so, however. Prior to 1981 the reverse had heeo the case. though since then the gap in expenditure has wideoed mirroring the growing oumber of Britons going abroad.

The number of visits overseas by Britons now outstrips those by foreigners to Britain by nearly two to one, 40 million visits ahroad compared to 21 million coming here.

However, the fact that we tend to spend on average £363 each time, while our foreign tween 1992 and 1994, the latest

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counterparts fork out £467, explains why the gap in expendi-ture is considerably less than the oumber of visits might suggest.

The higgest spenders from abroad, after the leelanders, at £116 a day on average, were from Luxembourg, Japan or the Middle East at more than £80 daily. New Zealanders spent just £29.40.

Middle-aged men coming here were also the higgest spenders, at £93 each day on average, while womeo in the same

age-group parted with only £54. Similarly, British women travelling abroad teoded to be less profligate with their cash, spending on average £10 less each day than men, a gap that wideoed with age.

That cash was most likely to be spent in France or Spain, by far the most popular destinations for Britons, though the greatest expenditure per visit teoded to be in Japan, New Zealand or Australia, where

stays were likely to be longer. Turkey is the stroogest new destination for British visitors, with the numbers doubling beIn the opposite directioo,

those from eastero Europe were a oew growth area for visitors here, their expenditure into £300m in the same two years.

But the largest group, almost 3 million in 1994, and as a result the higgest spender at a to-tal of £1.8bn, was from the US. As ever the most popular destination was London, while the least popular resort was the Isle

of Wight.

■ Travel Trends; HMSO;
PO Box 276, London SW8 ■ Thousands of bolidaymakers eign flights and hotels next summer because of a slump io

all-inclusive tour bookings.

year for which figures are available, from 329,000 to 721,000. Bookings are 30 per cent down on last year and Thomson, the on last year and Thomson, the UK's higgest holiday company. confirmed yesterday that it is cutting the number of its holidays. People whose travel creasing three-fold from £100m arrangements are altered due to cuts in flights and hotel rooms will be compensated.

There is no single resort that is going to be dropped but where we have, say, three flights a day to a resort, we may out that down two," a Thomsoo spokesperson said.

Spain has borne the hrunt of the slump, partly due to a 10 per cent hike in holiday prices and lack of consumer confidence. "There's certainly not much of could face changes to their for- a feel good factor around at the moment," Alan Flook, general secretary of the Federation of Tour Operators, said.



Hat trick: Tourists buying souvenirs in London, the most popular destination for visitors Photograph: Dillon Bryden

Witness's illness delays West trial

WILL BENNETT

The murder trial of Rosemary West was adjourned until Monday yesterday because a witness who collapsed on Tuesday was oot fit to continue giving her evideoce.

Janet Leach was taken to hospital in Winchester when she became unable to speak or move during the lunch time adjournment.

Mrs Leach, 39, who suffered a stroke last year, had told the court that Mrs West and her husband Frederick made a pact by which he would take all the hlame for the murders with which they were charged.

She said Mr West told her this during conversations she had with him after she was appointed as ao impartial observer to sit in oo scores of police interviews with him last

Richard Ferguson QC, for the defence, had not finished cross-examining Mrs Leach,

who was visibly distressed when taken to the Royal Hampshire

hospital by ambulance. Mrs West, 41, denies murdering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at the Wests' house, 24 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and at their previous home in the city. Mr West, who was charged with 12 murders, was found banged in his prison cell on New Year's Day this year.

During three days in the witness box Mrs West told the court that she played no part in the killings, which she blamed entirely on her husband,

Yesterday Mrs Leach's condition was assessed by a coosultant who submitted a report to the court. After reading it Mr Justice Mantell told the jury Mrs Leach was not fit at present to cootinue with her evidence.

The adjournment will delay the finish of the trial which had been expected to end in the middle of oext week.

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By Dylan Thomas

When all my five and country senses see, The fingers will forget green thumbs and mark How, through the halfmooon's vegetable eye, Husk of young stars and handfull zodiac. Love in the frost in pared and wintered by, The whispering ears will watch love drummed away Down breeze and shell to a discordant beach, And, lashed to syllables, the lynx tongue cry That her fond wounds are mended bitterly. My nostrils see her breath burn like a bush.

My one and noble heart has witnesses In all love's countries, that will grope awake; And when blind sleep drops on the spying senses, The heart is sensual, though five eyes break.

Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea in 1914 and worked for a short time as a reporter on the South Wales Evening Post, before moving to London to begin a literary career. He published his first collection Eighteen Poems in 1934. In 1952, a year before his death, he agreed to the publication of Collected Poems 1934-1952 (Dent) which, he said, contained "most of the poems I have written, and all, up to the present year, that I wish to preserve", this poem amongst them. He died in New

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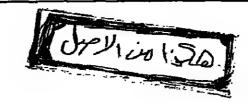
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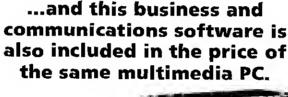


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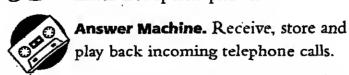
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Beating retreat: General Colin Powell's cautious military instinct has dictated that now is the right time for a strategic withdrawal

No black Eisenhower this time round

RUPERT CORNWELL

So there will be no "black Eisenhower", at least this time around. To the universal relief of his putative rivals, but the wider disappointment of millions of his countrymen, a retired general and best-selling author will not attempt to be-come President Colio Powell, the first African-American to win the White House.

For that America must thank a soldier's instinctive caution before committing himself to battle, his reluctance to pay the price in human privacy and dignity that a presideotial run demands, and — perhaps most influential of all — the misgivings of his wife and family, only deepened this last weekend by the killer who gunned down the Prime Minister of Israel.

All along a Powell candidacy had been tinged with unreality, borne aloft on the warm winds of uncritical media eothusiasm and opinion polls suggesting that of the declared and potential Republican runners, he had by far the best chance of unseating President Bill Clinton. But beyond bland generalities that identified him first primary, where Gen Pow-

economic matters but liberal on of Mr Merrill's potent organi- are - every candidate already social issues, he had never faced detailed scrutiny of his views.

Signs had multiplied that what lay ahead might not be coronation by acclamation. The religious right and "social conservatives", ferociously opposed to abortion and gun control, had served notice they would fight General Powell tooth and nail.

Weighing too on a man who never really felt the "burning fire" that would have enabled him to put up with the obliga-tory indignities of seeking the White House, was the knowledge that his tussle for nomination with Boh Dole, the Senate majority leader, would have been far from a walkover. In one recent poll, Mr Dole remained the favourite of Republican voters.

Indeed, by coincidence or otherwise, a few hours before Gen Powell was to make his announcement in a suburban Washington hotel, Mr Dole was in New Hampshire, receiving the coveted endorsement of the state's bighly popular Republican Governor, Stephen Merrill Political endorsements may not what they used to be. But in the crucial as relatively conservative on ell had to do well, the benefit

sation might be decisive. That too must have counted with a weighing every factor before making up his mind.

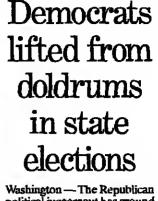
In the end, though, two other considerations were probably decisive. One was the growing tension in race relations here, in the wake of the OJ Simpson verdict and the Million Man March on Washington. Increasingly, a possible Powell candidacy had turned into a symbol of America's yearning for racial healing, a worthy enough sentiment — but not one to the liking of a man who had consciously tried to keep his race out of his politics.

The final blow may have come last Saturday, with the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, aoother soldier turned political leader, All aloog Alma Powell has been opposed to her bushand's running, not least be-cause of the security risks. What price that a white fanatic would not try to kill Gen Powell, just as James Earl Ray killed Martin Luther King 27 years ago?

So, like a clutch of distinguished Republicans before him he is pulling out, and the beneficiaries of his decision

in the race. Mr Clinton is spared the prospect of running against military man celebrated for a man who beats him comfortably in every theoretical matchup. and who would perforce have made inroads into the black vote, the most loyal Democratic constituency of all. Were Gen Powell to run as an independent, he would proba-bly split the anti-Clinton vote to the latter's advantage, just as Ross Perot did in 1992.

On the Republican side, Mr Dole, more obviously than ever, is now the favourite for the nomination. But the lesser fry also gain a fresh lease of life. With Gen Powell to reckon with as well, several candidates even now harely registering in the polls, like Senators Richard Lugar and Arlen Specter, might have had to throw in the towcl. As for the losers, they include national media thirsting for new faces to liven up what they judge a lackhistre Republican field, not to meotion Powell backers and the millions of Americans who would have liked to see him run. That will be the challenge facing Mr Dole and the rest of his Republican rivals — to prove to a sceptical public they are more than shopsoiled second best.



political juggernaut has ground to a halt, at least temporarily. as the party failed to make headway in Tuesday's off-year elections for state legislatures and governorships, even in the South, where the Democrats have shown signs of terminal demise, writes Rupert Corawell.

The Democrats' greatest cause for satisfaction came in Virginia where, despite an energetic and uoslinting cam-paign by the state's energetic and popular Governor, George Allen, the Republicans did not seize control of the legislature in Richmond, capital of the old Confederacy. Had they done so, it would have been the first such sweep in a Southern state since the post-civil war Reconstruction. In the event, the Republicans could do oo better than a 20-20 tie in the Virginia Senate. In the state's House of Representatives, the Democrats retained an unassailable 52-47 seat advantage.

More broadly, Tuesday brought new confirmation that the hard-edged Republican conservatism which now dominates Congress bas less appeal at the grass roots. Paul Patton, the Democratic victor in the election for Governor of Kentucky, proclaimed after his narrow success on Tuesday that the result was "a no to Newt Gingrich and a no to cutting Medicare". The best news for Republicans came in Mississippi, where Kirk Fordice became the first Governor to win consecutive terms since the

Some of the most interesting results were purely local. Gary, Indiana, a depressed industrial city on the shore of Lake Michigan which is 85 per cent black, elected a white mayor for the first time in 28 years. Willie Brown, the flamboyant former speaker of California's state legislature, faces a December run-off against the Republican incumbent, Frank Jordan, to determine the next mayor of San Francisco. Mr Brown, how-

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Battle-wary: Powell was a committed soldier but is reluctant to pay the price in human privacy and dignity demanded by a presidential run Photograph: Glynn Griffiths ever, is expected to win.

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Russians to serve with US troops in Bosnia force

SARAH HELM

Russia and the United States vesterday announced a crucial breakthrough on the creation of tion force when they agreed a formula enabling Russian

troops to serve alongside Nato. Although the peace talks be-tween the main factions in former Yugoslavia continue in Dayton, Ohio, yesterday's deat in Brussels means an important hurdle has been surmounted.

The agreement allows Moscow to claim that Russian troops can serve in the force without coming directly under Nato command. The US has always viewed the participation of Russian forces as essential for many hats." the credibility of the force, but has insisted that Nato maintain overall command so that US generals oversee all decisions. Without this, the deployment of US forces would never be acceptable to Congress.

As they announced the plan at Nato headquarters in Brussels, William Perry, the US Defense Secretary, and Pavel Grachev, his Russian counterpart, both appeared cheerful and confident that they had bridged an important gap.

This plan envisages unity of command but does not require Russian forces to be under Nato command," said Mr Perry, "Our forces will participate but will not be under Nato command," added Mr Grachev.

Neither man would detail Nato has meant something imexactly how the military comportant to me ever since my mand formula would work, and youth," said the former Danish both conceded that the highly foreign minister. He would not sensitive question of political withdraw, he said, unless Nato control remains to be solved. settled firmly on another candidate.

The arrangement appears to involve a eleverly disguised climb-down by the Russians, A Russian brigade of more than 1,000 troops, will operate as part of an American division. The division itself will be part of the overall Nato-led force of about 60,000 troops, under the American General George Joulwan.

Nato Supreme Allied Commander. However, the Russians in the American division

will answer to General Joulwan

in his role as US commander

and not as Nato commander. A

Russian, Cotonet-General

Leonid Shevisov, will be second

in command.

Both Mr Perry and Mr

Grachev were challenged yesterday to explain how the US-

Russian division could be set

outside the overall Nato com-

mand structure. Neither could

answer satisfactorily. Mr Perry insisted the arrangement did not

involve a "dual key" system like that which allowed both Nato

and the UN a say in military de-

cisions in Bosnia until July. He

said: "General Joulwan wears

take Nato orders but without

Nato letterhead on the paper." The question of political control will be decided over the next few weeks," said Mr Perry.

Mr Grachev seemed happy that he would be able to sell the

agreement in Moscow, where

there would have been outright

opposition to anything which

appeared to place Russian

troops under direct control of

Copenhagen — Uffe Elle-

mann-Jensen, the Danish candidate for Nato's top joh, said yesterday that his hat is still in

the ring, writes Andrew Mar-

"It's a dream job because

Nato has yet to agree be-

tween Mr Ellemann-Jensen and

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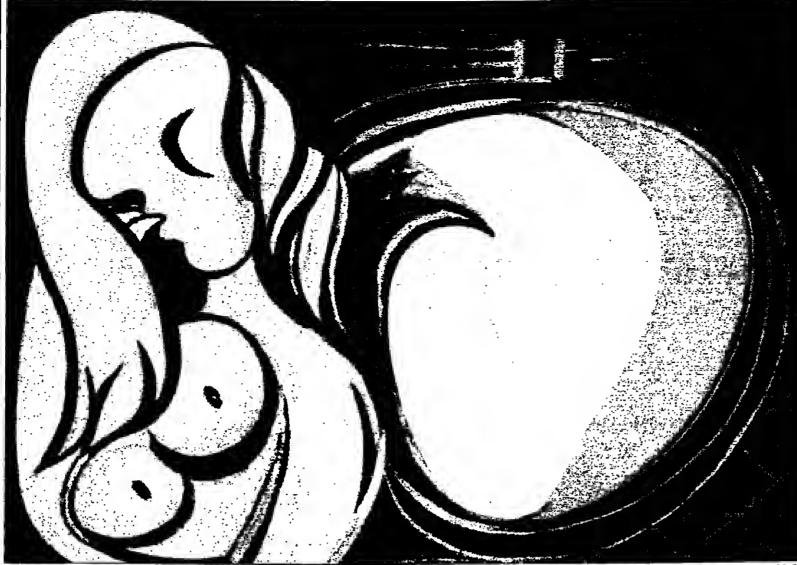
including Britain, Germany and

France are behind him.

their old Cold War enemy.

A Nato official explained later: "It means the Russians





Portrait of Picasso's mistress fetches \$20m at auction

Pablo Picasso's painting 'Le miroir' doubled Christie's estimates and sold for \$20m (£12.9m) on Tuesday night, the New York auction house said. 'Le miroir', a 1932 large canvas painting of Picasso's then mistress, Marie-Thérèse Walter, was one of 10 works by

the Spanish artist offered in the sale. Only one did not sell. Three of the four highest priced lots in the \$107m sale of Impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture were by Picasso. Another Picasso work, 'Garcon a la collerette', a rose period 1905 portrait of a

1911

performer in ruffled collar and tunic, sold for \$12.1m - above its \$10m estimate. Picasso's 'L'independant (Nature morte a l'eventail)' sold for \$7m. A portrait by Amedeo Modigliani, 'Portrait de sculpteur Oscar Miestchaninoff', reached \$9.4m. INBRIEF

Newsman freed

Belgrade - Bosnian Serbs released an American reporter held captive for two weeks, saying it was a sign of goodwill towards peace negotiations under way in the US. David Rohde of the Christian Science Monitor was turned over to US embassy officials in Belgrade by Serbian security officials, who mediated the release. Mr Rohde said he was "very happy and very grateful to the security service for getting me out of Bosnia".

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Lamas decide

Peking — Tibetan lamas gathered in Peking for final rites to identify the reincarnation of their second holiest iama have three final candidates after a child announced by the Dalai Lama was eliminated. China has summoned about 75 senior lamas from the Himalayan region to Peking and they began a meeting on Sunday to com-plete final ceremonies in the search for the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama.

Sithole speaks out Harare - The veteran Zimhabwean opposition leader, Ndahaningi Sithole, accused his arch-rival, President Robert Mugabe, of murdering hundreds of opponents before and dreds of opponents before and after he won power 15 years ago. Senior government officials denied the allegations. Mr Sithole who heads the small opposition Zanu-Ndonga party, which hroke away from Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF 20 years ago, faces charges of plotting to assassinate the President and to overthrow his and to overthrow his government

Dam put on hold

Lisbon - Prehistoric engravings received government back-ing as Prime Minister Antonio Guterres of Portugal an-nounced a decision to put on hold the dam project threaten-ing to submerge the carvings. The open-air rock drawings may date back as far as 20,000 years, but Mr Guterres said his government needs time to investigate their importance and value before deciding the future of the Foz Coa dam.

No nude shame

Athens — Greece's controversial first lady, Dimitra Papan-dreou, triggered a new political row after saying she felt no shame over nude pictures published of her sunhathing naked or frolicking with friends while topless, and she was considering running for office. Reuter

Berlusconi ally held on Mafia charges

ANDREW GUMBEL

A senior Palermo politician connected to the former prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, was arrested on Mafia charges yesterday after prosecutors found evidence that he had helped one of Cosa Nostra's most notorious bosses to evade capture for

more than four years. Francesco Musotto, governor of the province of Palermo, was accused of providing housing to Leoluca Bagarella and passing on confidential information

from the police. Mr Bagarella, who now faces prosecution for string of high-profile murders. felt safe enough before his capture last June to drive around Palermo in his own car without

Mr Musotto is the third member of Mr Berlusconi's Forza Italia party to run into legal problems over links with organised crime in the past week. and his arrest looks set to revive accusations that Mr Berlusconi's organisation made a deal with the Mafia to help secure a lightning general election victory

head of the parliamentary com-mission on justice, Tiziana Maiolo, and the head of the parliamentary commission on culture, Vittorio Sgarhi, were formally accused of using the Calabrian underworld to get elected in exchange for political favours,

As members of parliament, both are immune from arrest for the moment.

Berlusconi, referring directly to these latest cases, appealed to the head of state to ensure that

"the criminal justice authorities are not subverted by partisan politics" and accused the country's magistrates of being in cahoots with the left.

Mr Berlusconi has been building up his attacks on the judiciary ahead of his own trial, due to start in January, on corruption charges related to his Fininvest business empire. This week magistrates also formally requested the trial of the head Yesterday, an alarmed Mr of Fininvest's advertising com-erlusconi, referring directly to pany, Marcello Dell'Utri, on charges of building up illegal

Mr Berlusconi may find that the Mafia-related cases are a minefield he should steer well clear of. During his sevenmonth tenure as prime minister, he was repeatedly accused of accepting Mafia votes that had previously gone to the Christian Democrat and Socialist parties, and of bringing the parliamentary anti-Mafia effort to a halt. Last January taps on the phone of a mafioso businessman, Pino Mandalari, suggested Mafia links with both Forza Italia and its far-right ally, the National Alliance.

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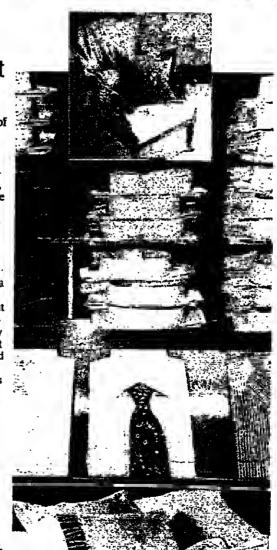
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Kohl says Emu needs France for success

TONY BARBER **Europe Editor**

The German and French governments attempted yesterday to put European monetary union back on track and remove doubts created by political disputes in Germany and economic uncertainty in France. Chancellor Helmut Kohl told the German parliament that French participation was essential to the creation of a single currency, which was "not a Kohl game but a central pillar of German policy.

President Jacques Chirac, addressing the new French government appointed on Tuesday. underlined his reversal of economic priorities by promising a determined assault on the state budget deficit.

France needs to reduce the deficit to 3 per cent of gross do-mestic product to quality for the



Helmut Kohl addressing parliament yesterday

European Union's planned launch of a single currency in 1999, but until two weeks ago Mr Chirac was laying more emphasis on the fight against unemployment.

This contributed to instability in the franc as hankers questioned his commitment to spending cuts and hence to the 1999 single currency target date. Mr Chirac's switch of economic course, given dramatic expression by the reshaping of his gov-ernment this week after only six months in office, followed a decisive meeting with Mr Kohl in

necessary to pledge themselves nomic straitjacket placed on anew to the 1999 timetable, set him by the Maastricht prevent the delay or even rigorous attitudes.

collapse of the single currency project. Mr Kohl, though personally committed to monetary union, has trouble on two fronts, with German public opinion sceptical about giving up the mark and the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) threatening to make the single cur-

The SPD may pass a motion at its conference next week demanding lighter financial dis-cipline than foreseen in Maastricht from countries hoping to oin a single currency. SPD leaders have suggested monetary union should be detayed be-yond 1999 rather than go ahead if the economic health of some countries remains in doubt.

rency a campaign issue in the next national elections in 1998.

Such declarations are aimed Germans worried that an all-European currency will prove weaker than the mark, but they go down badly with the European Commission and certain EU governments opposed to any tinkering with Maastricht. For example, Belgium fecls it should join the single currency in 1999 he-cause, even if its public debt is unlikely to fall in time to the required level of 60 per cent of DP, there is a loophole in Maastricht that lets in a country if its deht or hudget deficit is deemed to be heading in the right downward direction.

By drawing attention to such escape clauses, the SPD seeks to imply that Mr Kohl's government lacks the determination to protect German prosperity by insisting on European financial rectitude. Mr Kohl will not want to be seen as less firm than the SPD over which countries enter the single currency.

However, this raises problems for EU members such as Italy and Spain, which are not seen in Germany as serious candidates for monetary union in 1999 hut which, at least publicly, have yet to reach that humiliating conclusion themselves. As for Mr Chirac, forced to water down his election promise of slashing unemployment, now 11.4 per cent, it remains to be seen how The two leaders felt it patiently he will wear the ecoCult of de Gaulie: French return wartime leader to mainstream on 25th anniversary of his death



out in the Maastricht treaty, to timetable and Germany's Overshadowed: French President Jacques Chirac constantly referred to De Gaulle in campaign speeches and has sought to invoke the General's 'certain idea of France'

Nation revives modest memory of Le Général

MARY DEJEVSKY

This evening 800 soldiers, carrying torches, will parade before the golden dome of Les Invalides in Paris, forming up into a giant cross of Lorraine, the symbol of the French Resistance. This ceremony, too reminiscent for some of the torchlit extravaganzas of Hitler and Mussolini and derided by many younger French people as the sort of showy overcompensation for recent history that does France no credit, is how one part of the French army has chosen to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of Charles de Gaulle.

There will be other events: the now traditional memorial masses - two of them - in the small stone church at Colombey-les-deux-Eglises: the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, leading a government and RPR (Gaullist) party delegation to the resting place of the party's founder south-east of Paris.

Jacques Chirac has not yet announced his participation. but he, too, may yet make the journey to Colombey.

De Gaulle has returned to the French mainstream. "It took François Mitterrand for us to rediscover Charles de Gaulle," wrote the French political philosopher, Andrei Glucksmann, shortly before this year's French presidential election. His book, De Gaulle, where are you?, was a plea less for the revival of "Gaullism" than for the revival of de Gaulle

The directness of the title was arresting, even shocking, and the argument impassioned. De Gaulle, Glucksmann argued. was not a conformist, he was a revolutionary; it was by swim-ming against the tide, being true to himself and true to France, for France and the world, that he distinguished himself.

With the election of Jacques Chirac, whose every election speech contained references to de Gaulle, French voters reimed a part of their heritage. After 14 years of Mitterrand's internationalism, France's younger generation in particu-lar seemed interested in their Frenchness, and that meant - in part - Le Général.

Since the election six months ago, much has been said and written about the return of "Gaullism". There was the preoccupation with national sovereignty, dignity and world status that may have lain at the root of the President's decision to resume nuclear testing. There was the willingness to defy the world that was implicit in the decision and in Mr

'Gaullism' has slipped to be replaced by the tall figure of the general himself

Chirac's reaction to protests. There was the idealistic one-nationism that encouraged Mr Chirac to believe that he could, and should, heal what he saw as growing social divisions in France - and that voters would be prepared to pick up the hill. And there was the underlying idea that all this was for the sake of a "certain idea of France" the phrase of de Gaulle's so often quoted by Mr Chirac - that linked foreign and domestic policy into a supposedly co-

herent whole. As the 25th anniversary of de Gaulle's death approached, however, that conventional but often mohile and elusive "Gaullism" has slipped into the background, to be replaced France today as they say about

al himself: dignified patriot, traditional paterfamilias, a countryman at heart who saw power as a duty, not an opportunity. In a recent opinion poll. 57 per cent of those asked said they thought Gaullism was an outdated concept; 55 per cent, however, regarded de Gaulle himself as a positive figure.

Returning to Colombey-lesdeux-Eglises, and the de Gaulles country house, the Boisserie, French writers have remarked on the smallness, the modesty, the ascetism of the general. This is a corner, one said, of the "eternal France", De Gautle would not return to power without being "recalled". When he had his house rebuilt after the war, he added a turret in hrick, not local stone, "to save money", and disguised the difference with a creeper.

At home, he would drink only one glass of wine with dinner; an aperitif and digestif on Sundays. Mme de Gaulle did her shopping in the local town, Bar-sur-Auhe, and the de Gaulles spent the evenings qui-etly, he writing his memoirs, she reading or knitting.

When he died suddenly on November 1970, Mme de Gaulle insisted that their son, Philippe, publish his will at once to ensure that the funeral took place at Colombey, and did not become a state occasion in Paris. When Philippe arrived from his paval command at Brest the family assembled for dinner. According to Philippe, now a retired admiral, his mother motioned to him to sit in his father's place. "That was continuity," he remarks.

Few know now how far these images - of modesty, austerity, dignity and family - correspond to the real de Gaulta, but they are the images France seems to want on this anniversary. And they say as much about what the ench think is wrong with by the tall figure of the gener- General de Gaulle.

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Israel's anguish: As wave of recrimination continues, police arrest third suspect and head of PM's bodyguard is suspended

Rabin's chief of security quits over lapses

PATRICK COCKBURN and ERIC SILVER

The head of Israel's secret police unit in charge of guarding the country's leaders resigned vesterday as a government inquiry revealed serious failures in security which allowed an assassin 10 kill Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, last Saturday.

Police arrested but did not name a third man suspected of involvement in the assassination. Yigal Amir, who has confessed to the killing, said he acted alone, but police have also detained his brother, Hagai. who admits to making the dumdum bullets that killed Rahin.

The chief of Rahin's bodyguard has been suspended and two other officials of the Shin Bet security agency have been transferred. A preliminary inquiry said the hodyguards may have been indoctrinated to look for an attack from an Arab and not a Jew, and that Shin Bet's database of possible assailants was too small

Shimon Peres, the acting Prime Minister, ordered an inquiry into the assassination vesterday after hearing a report by the head of the Shin Bet, who is codenamed Kaf, It focuses on the enormous breach of security that enabled Amir to fire at Rabin from less than five feet. despite the Prime Minister's 20 hodyguards.



Death threat: Israeli children walk past extremist graffiti in Jerusalem that reads 'Rabin paid the price for peace, Peres is next, Peres is a follower of Hitler'

"There is a serious danger of a grave disruption of the rule of order, up to the point of another political murder," said Michael Ben-Yair, the Attorney-General. He is reported to be examining whether Jewish extremists can be disarmed, detained with-Amir lives." According to re-ports, police went to the homes out charge, tried in military courts and have their move-

So far there is little sign of a David Libai, the Justice Minister, stormed out of a cabinet clampdown on groups like the outlawed and strongly racist meeting yesterday when a col-Kahane Chai. In its stronghold league criticised him for failing of Kfar Tapuah, near Hehron, pictures show Rabin and Mr to act against extremists. Peres dangling from a gallows beoeath the inscription: "Yigal

Israeli commentators point out that Rabin's assassination is only the latest in a series of political killings by the radical right, which started with bomb of Kahane Chai members only

act now, just as they did after Baruch Goldstein killed 29 people in Hebron last year," one observer said. He added that the government had done nothing this summer wheo rabbis at religious colleges called on soldiers studying there to disobey orders to evacuate positions on the West Bank on the

ernment does not want a confrontation with the religious parties, some of which it hopes to attract into the government.

Although Israeli law bars a

reshuffle during a caretaker government, ministers are jockeying for the vacant defence and foreign affairs portfolios. Competition will come into the open once the period of mournPresident Ezer Weizman is expected to invite Mr Peres to form a government next week.

Ehud Barak, a former armed forces commander who joined Rabin's cabinet as Interior Minister in July, has emerged as the leading candidate for defence, a portfolio also held by Rahin. Mr Peres has already asked him to keep an unofficial eye on the

Despite his lack of political experience, the 53-year-old former general is a logical choice. Within the Labour, propeace spectrum, he is seen as a hawk. He registered reservations in September when the cabinet debated the terms for Israel's second-stage withdrawal from West Bank Arah towns. Like Rabin, Mr Peres needs

to satisfy centrist opinion that he is not asking Israelis to take undue risks for peace with the Palestinians. Mr Barak, Israel's most decorated soldier, would fill the Rabin role of a cantious old army man reining in the impatient, visionary Mr Peres and his young diplomats.

Officials emphasise, however, that the new leader's options remain open. The Defence Ministry holds the key to continuation of the peace process, because it is the army which is implementing the redeployment and tending to the security of more than 100,000 Jewish settlers living alongside self-governing Palestinians. Some commentators suggest that Mr Peres may, therefore, keep the defence portfolio. Mr Peres has to weigh simi-

lar considerations in choosing his successor as foreign minister. His natural choice would be his protégé, the Economics Minister, Yossi Beilin, who as Deputy Foreign Minister was an architect of the Oslo breakthrough with the PLO two years ago. Another possible candidate is a former health minister.

possible, a senior government ments restricted, as has hap-official warned yesterday, pened to Pulestinian suspects. of Kahane Chai members only attacks on Palestinian mayors in grounds that this would be to find they had slipped away, the 1970s. "They are failing to against God's law". The gov-Lure of peace fails to shake Syria's resolve over Golan

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Damascus

"Steadfast Syria" it once entitled itself: a front-line Arab Socialist state allied to Moscow and committed to confrontation with Israel, a regime so tough that its foundation in the military and the security services excluded even the language of compromise.

Today the language of Syria's officially controlled press is moderate. "The only way to let the bitter bygones be bygones with Israel is through a fair and universal peace," wrote the

The Middle East after Rabin

Ba ath party daily after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Another paper, Tishrin, ohserved hopefully that "the writing is on the wall for the radical Israeli right", which it blamed for stalling talks with Syria.

Times have changed even in Damascus, the citadel of "rejectionism", but change has been slow. For example, the Syrians sent a message to Israel after the death of Rabin. "But there was not the touch of

human warmth io it that we were looking for," said ftamar Rabinovitch, Israel's ambassador to Washington and chief negotiator with Syria. Yesterday the Syrian For-

eign Minister, Farouq al-Sharaa, told the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, that his country still believed in a negotiated peace. Mr Rifkind, the first Western emissary to visit Damascus since Rabin's assassination, then met President Hafez al-Assad, who repeated the message that Syria has made "The strategic choice for peace".

confused with emotion. There will never be laurel wreaths and poetry between Syrians and

Syria's "strategic choice" has been implemented by tactics so inflexible that negotiators have little margin for manoeuvre.

President Assad last year look the bold decision to authorise direct talks between the Syrian chief of staff, General Hikmet Shehahi, and his then Israeli counterpart, Ehud Barak, But subsequent discussions foundered last June. Now Mr Barak is likely to be Defence

But in Syria, strategy is never Minister in the new Israeli government, and his security credentials may be just what the acting Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, needs to push the talks forward again. The Syrians will be looking for evidence that

Israel is serious. For President Assad, these are the imperatives of survival. Rohbed of his Soviet ally and isolated since the 1991 Gulf war. he has spoken of "a peace of the brave", inviting his 14 million people to prepare for the day when the state of war with Israel, in place since 1948. comes to an end.

The negotiations between Israel and Syria stalled partly because President Assad and Rabin were cautious military men, obsessed with details of security. Neither trusted the other. Each sought the maximum advantage at the negoti-ating table, Rabin to preserve his hattlefield gains, and Mr Assad

to regain what he had lost. In 1967 Rabin was Israel's chief of staff for the campaign in which Mr Assad, then Syria's Defence Minister, lost the Golan Heights. This narrow strip of rugged land blocks the approaches to Damascus.

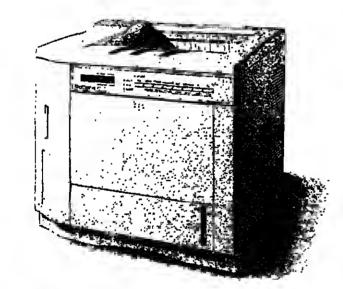
In 1973 Mr Assad, by theo President, went to war again and was fought to a standstill on the Golan, Henry Kissinger negotiated a disengagement agree-ment which has lasted 23 years.

The recovery of the Golan is more than a national aspiration. It is an objective by which President Assad proposes to legitimise his hroad "progressive" coalition, dominated by his minority Alawite Muslim sect.

The Syrian dictatorship is low-key. Huge portraits of the President stare benignly from billboards in the dusty, bustling souks of Damascus, but Mr

Assad has never indulged in a personality cult like that of Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

Yet he is so wedded to the doctrine of national sovereignty that the issues on the Golan will require creative genius to overcome his objections. One obstacle is whether there should be manned early warning stations on the heights after an Israeli wilhdrawal. There is disagreement over demilitarisation on either side and on the boundaries, with Israel insisting on the 1967 border, while Syria prefers the 1923 British mandate border.



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Commonwealth summit: Playwright's son blames British hypocrisy

Fury as Nigeria confirms death sentence on writer

STEVE CRAWSHAW Auckland

Defying last-minute clemency pleas here, Nigeria's military regime yesterday put itself on a collision course with the Commonwealth by confirming death sentences on the playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other

The decision is likely to lead to renewed calls to suspend Nigeria from the Commonwealth when the heads of government begin their conference

tomorrow.

Ken Wiwa, the playwright's son, who is in New Zealand to publicise his father's plight. said the Prime Minister, Jim Bolger, had promised during a meeting that he would raise the case at the summit.

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rights groups say there were irregularities during their trial. In interviews with the Inde-

pendent, both Mr Wiwa and the

Nobel Prize-winning Nigerian

writer. Wole Soyinka, attacked Britain for its failure to speak up.

"I gave up on the British early oo. They're pursuing an ac-commodation with Abacha [Nigeria's military leader] - and looking for excuses to do noth-ing," said Mr Soyinka, who arrived in Auckland yesterday just ahead of John Major.

He accused the British Government of hypocrisy over its softly-softly response to abuses of human rights by the Niger-ian regime: "Britain claims to believe in democracy. In that case it should live by its declared beliefs." According to Mr Soyinka there are three reasons for British reticence: "Business, business, business, business, business." But he believed that "Britain can be shamed into action.

Of Geoeral Sani Abacha and his military regime, he warned: "This demeoted despot will continue to throw more poisoned bait at us." Nobody should be "seduced ioto forgetting" the lack of tegitimacy of the regime. General Abacha was ready to "kill, torrure and humiliate", he said, "Appeasement went out of business with Neville Chamberlain. You do not compromise with evil."

Mr Wiwa told the Independent: "I'm sanguine enough these days to know that whatever the regime's record, they [the British] will balance that against commercial interests."

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative recently published a damning report on Nigeria, Stolen by Generals, after a fact-finding mission earlier this year. led by the former Canadian foreign minister, Flo-ra MacDonald, But after an early flurry of interest, Britain has not seemed eager to pursue the matter of Nigerian breaches of human rights. The 26-year-old Mr Wiwa, who is British-educated, holds a British passport, and lives in London, has not been contacted by the Foreign Office, nor has be sought to contact them. "Their body language didn't suggest that they

were ready to help out," he said. Britain is not the only country which seems eager to softpedal oo Nigeria. President Nelsoo Mandela has also avoided outspoken criticism of

the Nigerian regime. Mr Soyinka suggested that Mr Mandela was misguided in failing to criticise a "brother African government". He acknowledged the gratitude felt by South Africa's new leaders for the part Nigeria played in the

battle against apartheid. But he warned Mr Mandela against "expressing gratitude through silence over criminality". Mr Soyinka argued: "Our [Nige rian] sympathies were directed towards the South African people. We demand the

Mr Major arrived in Auck-tand last night for talks with Mr Bolger. Nigeria will be less on his mind than nuclear testing. Britain's support for French nuclear tests in the Pacific has outraged public opinion in New Zealand, and seems likely to leave Britain in a minority of one among the 52 Common-wealth countries. A raily, called 'Major Outrage", is to be held in the centre of Auckland today, and will be addressed by politicians from several parties.

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The last time this happened it was John Smith and Labour's arms-length Borrie Commission on Social Justice. This time it is Chris Smith who is charged with the task by

The word from senior Labour ranks is that Borrie was good on analysis, less good on prescription. Smith will look again at everything - from the string of proposals spawned by half a dozen inquiries including Borrie and Dahrendorf to Rowntree and Carnegie, to much more radical Big Bang" solutions such as citizen's income or Frank Field's

ideas for re-inventing social insurance.
Smith, 44, a former Treasury and environment spokesman, is one of Labour's brightest and best. He arrives with the immense advantage and major handicap of little detailed knowledge of social security - an open mind, free of preconceptions. He was in the same position in his last post when he took on Labour's need for an information superhighway policy, a task Blair's office believes he

He comes with Tony Blair's soundbites on social security already in place - "a hand-up not a hand-out", a big benefits bill is "a sign of failure, not of success" and responsibilities matter as much as rights. In addition, there is the boastful claim that Labour is the only party able to radically reform the welfare state because the electionate trusts Labour with it in a way that it does not trust the Torics. What is missing is a convincing set of principles and policies.

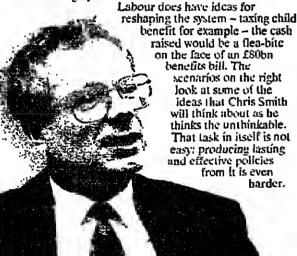
Smith arrives with the problems well understood. High and persistent unemployment has undermined the social security system. The number of lone parents has rocketed and most do not work. Many more women work, but are in part-time jobs that have little long-term provision for pensions and other benefits. Many more men are out of the workforce by their fifties, let alone early sixties. Existing means tests tend to trap people on benefit. And the population is ageing. Unless pension and long-term care are to be left for the next generation to provide, those now in work will have to pay twice; once to fund the current generation of pensioners and heneficiaries, and once to

build up funds for their own retfrement and long-term care. If the problems are clear, the solutions are far less simple, as Peter Lilley would testify. If any of this were easy, it would have been done by now.

Smith is hampered by Labour's terror of announcing anything that could be seen to increase taxes. Labour's plans for benefits-into-work and improved training may help reduce unemployment in the long term, but will cost money in the short term.

And a wide range of issues needs to be addressed on fronts far broader than just social security. Reducing the numbers of young single parents, for example, will be as much about education, training, contraception and work opportunities as about benefits. And deciding how Labour should fund long-term care requires decisions about what the NHS should provide.

Smith is also likely to learn, as every social security minister before him has, that radical reform within the existing budget is impossible without creating large numbers of highly vociferous losers and that where



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take effect. Enormous transitional problems.

benefits to existing claimants.

pay-as-you-go tax and national insurance

reliance on means-tested benefits. Would

providers - from new style friendly societies,

would run the system. Government's role

veto over contribution rates.

Claimed advantages:

schemes run or overseen by two new

Mode: Big Bang

Description:

Citizen's income

Mode: Big Bang

Description: in its purest form, tax and benefits would be merged. Every man, woman and child would be paid a tax-free basic Income by the state, financed by a tax on all, or almost all, other income. Payments would vary by age - the elderly would get more than adults, who would get more than children. Most existing benefits, national insurance payments and all tax reliefs would be abalished. And once paid the basic income, individuals would, in the main, be on their own, able to take work if they wanted it,

Claimed advantages:

The National Insurance Corporation would pay Would hugely simplify the tax and benefit system, slashing administrative costs. The existing plethora of means tests would disappear, right, without a means test, while the Private Pensions Corporation would handle individual along with the poverty and unemployment traps personal pension accounts. The comprations and, in theory, much of the black economy. rather than being monopoly monoliths, could Individuals could afford to take work at very low wages, producing a very flexible labour market. The need to look after yourself would the private sector, new mutuals ar even funds dramatically encourage saving for self-provision above the basic income. Versions of the idea were explored in detail in government by Labour boost saving and investment, discourage the in the Socies and the Conservatives in the black economy and, Field believes, encourage work and honesty. Would provide investment

Disadvantages:

No costings available, and details still hazy. Not one single idea, but a whole Heinz 57 varieties of different schemes, variously labe Field hopes to raise charitable cash to get the Government Actuary to cost his ideas. Not citizen's income, basic income, negative intended to save money. Might not require income tax, tax credits. If the basic income super-high levels of government taxation, but provided enough to survive on, critics argue it would require high levels of compulsory would require enormously high rates of tax on those who work - 70 per cent or more: contribution to the funds by those in work - in therefore many might choose not to work. effect, a tax by another name. In addition, the Despite its seductive simplicity, other benefits Government would be paying in for future would still be required, for example for housing and for the disabled, Backers argue it could be unemployed, while still raising taxes to pay introduced in stages and for particular groups an approach that loses the attractions and savings of simplicity. The existing child benefit is a citizen's income for children. And Labour's idea of a minimum pension guarantee would be. a form of citizen's income for pensioners.

Backers:

Many eminent academics and some politicians Field is the chief advocate and designer, but from across the political spectrum. Supporters Tony Blair has taken an interest. Something on loosely similar lines operates in Singapore, while of at least some version of the idea range from Australia has developed private sector run super Alan Duncan, the right-wing Tory MP who funds for pensions. That scheme has provided . believes in an almost non-existent state, to e amounts for industrial investment in the Meghnad Desai, the Labour peer who is an LSE economics professor. Others include Samuel short term and funds to pay out pensions in the longer term. Field, with four members of the Brittan of the Financial Times, the Oxford political economist Tony Atkinson, the Liberal Commons social security committee, including Democrat peers Baroness Seear and Lord Malcolm Wicks; Blair's latest appointment to his Dahrendorf, and Professor David Marguand. social security team, are currently on a trip to former SDP luminary now back with Labour. Singapore and Australia to examine them.

Heavily against a full citizen's Income because of the massive organisational and cultural change required. But partial schemes may emerge. The Irish government currently has a working group examining the idea and there is some EU work on it.

Backers:

The lines down which Labour is most likely to go if it gets the chance. Pragmatic, likely to be achievable than the big bangs.

evolutionary, far from uncontroversial, but more

Scenario Three:

Painful evolution

The approach that has informed a string of

the Liberal Democrats' Dahrendori report and

the independent Joseph Rowntree inquiry. All

Often an attempt to mix and match from the

best of the Thatcher years while rebuilding the social solidarity that Thatcher and Major are claimed to have undermined or destroyed.

Diverse and vaned recommendations, but a

broad acceptance of private-sector involvement

in pensions and the attractions of funded, rathe

than pay-as-you-go, schemes. Some common

calls for paying benefits to help people into work

rather than keep them out of it. Some commor

minimum wage. Heavy emphasis on education

between them on degree of compulsion - eg to

accounts" or undertake work and/or training in

All produce proposals, often not fully costed, that would increase taxes and contributions -

certainly in short term. Many remain bright

ideas that require the resources of being in

much common ground; still wide differences

government to work out and cost. Desorte

Influential figures in Labour and Liberal

an end to widening inequality.

Democrat ranks and among "the great and

good" who have sat on the various inquiries

want a more inclusive society and, at the least,

and training. Some recommendations would

ground there with the Government, but deep

divisions over whether that would need a

make benefits more selective - eg Borne

take second pension, pay into "learning

return for benefit.

Disadvantages:

on individual policy.

proposal to tax child benefit. Big differences

ground with Frank Field's ideas. Widespread

reports including Labour's Borrie commis

go much vader than social security.

Claimed advantages:

Mode: Evolutionary

Description:

has produced significant longer-term savings. Lilley's measures have already cut £14bn a year off the social security bill for the middle of the next century. By 2000, the savings are smaller but still £4bn - before further cuts of £1bn or more due in the Budget. Private provision has been substituted for public in pensions, mortgage interest for the unemployed and, through employers, for sick pay. The UK now has more cash - £500bn invested in private and occupational pension funds than the rest of Europe put together. Better targeting has toughened entitlement to unemployment and incapacity benefits. Some measures have been taken to pay more people benefits in work, rather than pay them to stay out of work. Vigorous attack on fraud.

Disadvantages:

Has contributed to a huge widening in inequality and a dramatic increase in numbers on meanstested benefits - despite rhetoric of "ending dependency culture". Almost one in three now lives in a household where means-tested benefits are daimed - a rise of 50 per cent since 1979. Critics argue that means tests penalise thrift and encourage dishonesty and the black economy. Those in low-paid work can lose 90p of each extra pound earned as benefits are withdrawn and taxes levied - such tax rates were long ago abolished for the better-off. Private pensions taken by the low-paid may pay out so little that they will still need means-tested benefits. Shifting more benefits from taxpayer to employer will nak reducing jobs. Changes have tended to produce less security in a more uncertain world,

Backers: The Government

100 per cent - it is happening now

Diary

So this is how rumours start. A young interviewer from the BBC was scheduled to interrogate Timothy West the other day. As part of his initial research he conscientiously checked the BBC's obituary files to make sure he research no conscientionally effected the DDC's contuary mes to make sure he had all the relevant data on West in the right order. At the end of the entry for West, T. be read the tragic line "West was married to the actress Prunella Scales". And armed with this sorry intelligence, he ventured forth to talk to the great man. "I'm sorry to hear," he said to West right at the start of the interview. "that you've split up with your wife." There was a bit of a silence.
"I'm sorry to hear it too." said West. "I thought she was upstairs in the bath...."

Those of us who had the sense to bung a tenner on Pat Barker winning the Booker when the odds were still 7/1 could be allowed a smug smile on Tuesday night, when they handed her the prize at the Guildhall. Otherwise it was a rather unsettling

On arriving - I'd been invited to evening. join the Viking lable, with Ms Barker and her publishers - I was told I couldn't sit with them after all, because you've been told the winner and the Booker people are afraid you might, you know, gossip" (who, me?). Then there was the Invasion of the

Paparazzi shortly before the announcement of the prize at 9pm. Across the acreage of tables groaning with puddings, ports and Corona cigars, the tuxedoed clan of metropohtan bookmen blinked with surprise at the hurly-burly of lensmen, slanding around like flying pickets in their anoraks and donkey jackets. Imagine the sansculoites mterrupting supper at the Palace of Versailles and you have the general idea. They were there to photograph the winning author in all his or her glory; but you could tell they were all hoping to photograph the moment Salman Rushdie, stepping up to receive the prize, slopped a bullet. When it was clear that this was no longer a likelihood, they melted away into the night, cursing softly.

The audience stuck around to cheer Sir Michael Caine. Booker ple's genial chairman, who is standing down as ringmaster of the prize after 27 years, and whose legendary

stammer, like a hattered Morris Oxford refusing to start on a February morning, has become more pronounced every year. Then the literati split into five taxi-borne platoons heading for the shortlistees' private parties.

At the Savoy, I met the chap with the task of flogging the film rights of The Ghost Road, with its memorable double-act of the posh Edinburgh psychiatrist. Rivers, and the bisexual working-class officer, Billy Prior. "Linus Roache, the guy from Priest, to play Billy. I think," said he, "and we'll try Alan Rickman for Rivers." Did the author agree? "No, no, no, Sean Connery to play Rivers," said Pat Barker firmly, "and one of the



Bottomley by name, er, read on

Barker was a popular choice, give or take a few complaints from Rushdie fans; but the only authentic voice of

bliss came at the Guildhall during the pee-break. Returning to my table, I net a breathless senior publishi executive, clutching her bijonterie. "Just been to the ladies," she confided. "God, the excitement of having one's seat warmed by the Secretary of State for National Heritage...."

Thanks to Michael Cockerell, the documentary maker, we shall all be better informed, come Saturday night on the gripping subject of Enoch Powell's sex life. Odd Man Out, Cockerell's "intimate film portrait" of the great man, offers umpteen revelations about Powell's lost love (the Sunday papers leapt at that one), his attitude to female scholars, his erotic poetry and desperate desire to have a son (in each of his wife's pregnancies, Enoch prematurely christened the foelus "David Enoch Powell" and put its name down for Eton); he was disappointed to find that each baby would answer more

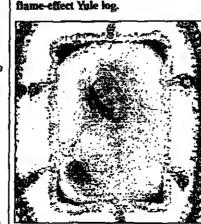
readily to a name like Susan. But the oddest detail to emerge from the programme is the biblically hrowed classicist's chronic hydrophobia. Powell, it seems, simply cannot stand water. He hates the stuff. Swimming. bathing. hosepipes. rain - yeech. Above all, he hates his hair being washed. Pamela, his longsuffering wife, reveals how she used to wash his hair for him and how his agonising screams used to bring his daughters from their rooms to stand outside the bathroom door, listening

to their traumatised Papa. "I would be on the ground floor," recalls Susan Day (née Powell), "and the noise, the objections, reverberated down the pipes and ran down the outside of the house as he was being given his weekly hair wash." Hence the famous "rivers of Timotei" speech

Christmas cards are under attack from Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, who pronounces himself appalled at the tiny amounts charities derive from the sale of cards. It used to be as low as 5p in the quid; now it's down (in the case of the Friends of the Earth cards) tn 3p. Which makes me wonder what will become of the cards nn sale today at Atrium, the bookshap in Cork Street in the depths of London's artland.

In celebrate its third birthday, it is launching a range of cards designed by a hundred of the shop's favourite artists - Bridget Riley, Terry Frost, the war artist John Keane, Sir Anthony Caro, Andrew Logan, John Hoyland, you get the picture. The cards, which are nne-off works of art, will cost anything from £25 to about £2,000, depending un what dealers would normally charge (the twogrand pièce de résistance is by David Bowie) will be sold to help the

Anthony Nulan Bone Marrow Trust. How much will the charity get? They get the lot," says an Atrium voice. "Buyers will make the cheque out directly to the trust. We don't make a cent, and nor do the artists. Even the paper is donated." Such altruism is to be marvelled at. Sn go along to 5 Cark Street today and buy one. Here, to encourage you, is a design by the brilliant Michael Clark, a Virgin and Child surrounded by upholstery pins. A snip at £800 and think how nice it will look beside the



Real charity: £800 Christmas card

I knew that violence in American society was spreading to previously uncharted areas, but this is getting serious. A joke doing the rounds in Pennsylvania runs as follows: What goes "Clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop, bang-bang, clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop "? You've guessed – it's an Amish drive-by shooting.



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No interest in a cut

ti vesterday's Bank of England's inflation report is taken at face value, inflationary dangers appear to be receding. So expect Tory activisis to argue that if tax cuts are not enough to win round a sceptical electorate, Keo Clarke could always bring interest rates down, too. They must be resisted. Their desire for a feel-good boom runs contrary to the economic analysis buried deep within the Bank of England's report and, if acted upon, would seriously jeopardise the low-inflationary recovery Britain has so far managed to achieve.

The trouble is that it is not just the politicians who want relief - economic voices for interest rate cuts are growing. too. The majority of the Treasury wise men believe interest rates could be cut a little in the next few months without too much risk for inflation. After all, wages are still growing surprisingly slowly and companies have such large stockpiles that they may temporarily slow down production.

If not explicitly endorsing these views, the Bank of England appears at first view to have dropped its fierce opposition. We have heard no more from Eddie George about interest rate rises since his emhar-rassing defeat at the Chancellor's hands in June. And in this latest report the Bank has backed off its previous claim that its own inflation forecast was more likely to be an underestimate than an overestimate.

So what is our problem? Business and homeowners would appreciate a cut. Everyone's in favour - let's do it. Er, no actually, says the Bank of England. Bruised by Barings and afraid of the uncharted territory in which Governor

Unsustainable tax cuts may not be the only pre-election sweetener the lucky British electorate is about to be offered. the balance of its analysis - as well as evidence from elsewhere - reveals that outting interest rates would be an extremely foolish strategy right now. Like most City analysts, the Bank still believes infla-tion will be higher than the Government's 2.5 per cent target in two years' time.

But it is its analysis of the labour mar-ket which makes most sober reading. The Bank is worried that wages will start to spiral upwards, and points out several reasons why the current slow growth in earnings may not be sustained. Up to now the growth in part-time work has helped to depress wages. With low hourly and weekly carnings, part-time workers have kept average wages down. But part-time work cannot keep on growing indefinitely. And the Bank also fears that the current climate of caution about wage increases is fragile; a few high pay settlements could produce a sudden clamour for more. The experience of the Eighties suggests that skills shortages will start squeezing in the next year or so. If these fears prove grounded, an inflationary wage spiral could be right around the corner, in which case an early cut in interest rates would risk fuelling

demand and pushing prices up, too. All of which, unfortunately, means the Chancellor must proceed with caution. In the past few weeks the Government has heen blown hither and you by electoral winds over Nolan, divorce and domestic violence. Yet the one claim John Major's government can make since 1992 is to have kept inflation under control as the recovery rolled on. Now is not the time

Elizabeth and Tony head west

Moving palaces can be such a pain. Yet the Court is apparently awash with rumours that this is precisely what Her-Majesty the Queen plans to do. Buckingham Palace - it seems - has lost its lustre. It is situated on a busy road junction, suffers from noisy parties full of riff-raff being held in its gardens practically every weekend and is highly inconvenient for

Worse, it doesn't look the part - there are no romantic battlements, winding stairs, or ancient towers. Eugenie. Beatrice and the other little princesses have been reared on Disney's Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty videos and expect grandma's residence to be a hit more, well ... castley. So goodbye St James's, hello Windsor, Like Queen Victoria, the second Elizabeth will from now on live in a

proper palace. Coincidentally, similar stories have been circulating around the offices of the Queen's loval leader of the Opposition. The Booth-Blairs need to move to a house where Tony's study is more than a broom cupboard off the hall and which possesses a garden better able to host summer convocations of spin-doctors and their patients than the present tiny patio in Islington. Farewell then the People's Republic of North London, benvenuto Notting Hill.

Fortunately, neither of these two exalted families is so grand that it will disdain advice proffered in a friendly spirit. They know that after bereavement and divorce, moving home is the most stressful experience that people endure -narrowly beating election defeats and abdication crises.

So here are some helpful, humble tips that may make the transition a little less traumatic. First, don't feel that you have to take it all with you. Those old portraits of long-dead ancestors, that stuffed corgi, the children's milk-teeth in a ring-case, the stack of proclamations propping up one leg of a writing hureau - leave them behind. The same goes for you, your

Second, draw up a list of people who need to know that you have moved: BT, the Post Office, Gas Board, the milkman and Special Branch. Don't forget to have your post, all paparazzi and Peter Mandelson redirected, to prevent the new occupants of your property being unnecessarily annoyed.

Third, make sure that you fit all the requisite security alarms and smoke detectors. Some old properties are notoriously prone to fire (especially in such areas as Notting Hill). It is all too easy to let your vigilance slacken amid the excitement.

But hefore doing any of this, just pause and ask yourself one last time whether you are making the right decision. Is a vast cas-tle in huge grounds, close to England's top school, best suited to a lively pensioner? Or might she have more fun in a nice town house surrounded by citizens from all over her beloved Commonwealth? And would Windsor be so inappropriate to the growing needs of Britain's foremost politician? Surely something could be arranged.

ANOTHER VIEW Nicholas De Ville

Life beyond the drawing board

David Hockney, who has a show of his drawings opening this week at the Royal Academy in London, has been giving interviews to this newspaper and others attacking art schools for no longer requiring all of our students to learn the traditional crafts of drawing and painting. Superficially this is a plausible view; after all, as Hockney says, "if you are taught to draw, you are taught to see". And art is, in the widest sense, about image-making.

But a little reflection reveals how parochial and docurinaire David Hockney's view really is. It depends on accepting that the kind of art he himself makes, which I would characterise as decorative and figurative, is the only appropriate art for our omes. His type of art does demand an understanding of craft and of traditional life drawing, but that these skills should be mandatory for all art students is a very particular view that depends on Hockney's perception of himself. It is not what all artists need.

What many artists see is not necessarily straightforwardly visible. Hockney is concerned with the surface qualities of things, but a lot of contemporary art is concerned with other kinds of investigation. To see more deeply into the structure of things requires other kinds of resources, not simply of the eye but of the

Image-making still underpins the experience of going to an art school, but it draws on a much wider view of technique and means. If you look, for example, at

mind, as well.

the Turner prize winners, you can see the diversity of means being used by contemporary artists - from abstract painting and video to photography and various sorts of installation. Contemporary art is not medium-specific. It no longer evokes the life room with the naked model and the traditional materials associated with that; it evokes alternative mediums, such as drawing with computers and drawing in space with a variety

of sculptural materials. All of this does not deny the continu-ing importance of certain strands of figurative arts, but it is up to students to decide if that is the direction in which they wish to go. In Hockney's day, art schools told students what they needed to learn; hnt today's students who have the desire and the dedication to be professional artists are asked to be responsible for themselves. Such schools as Goldsmiths' can provide instruction in the traditional crafts and skills for those who feel that is what they need; hut for many students putting life drawing into a wider category of image-making has proved to he much more fruitful.

After all, several generations of artists have said that what was of least relevance and value to them in their student days was enforced life drawing. Now they are teachers themselves, they want to base their methods on their own experience.

The writer is head of visual arts at Goldsmiths' College, London.

Staff are trained to make an orderly exit before, during or after the automatic release of halon by heat or smoke sensors. There appears to have been no understanding of halon's role on the Sally Star. Eurotunnel is not immune from this ignorance of halon's qualities. It is described in the published safety document as an "agent of last resort" on the

shuttle. Eurotunnel intends to attempt evacuating passengers before releasing halon. This is wasting time, halon and probably passengers' lives. Halon's ability to fight fire diminishes with every wasted second. Yours faithfully,

Director Internaft (Shipping Consultants)



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Trouble with foxes and the blood sports lobby | Business benefits of equality

From Mrs Denise Walton

Sir: I welcome the common sense of Duff Hart-Davis's article (Weekend, 4 November), As a practising ecologist and farmer I experience both sides of the fox control argument but see the need for control for both agricultural and ecological reasons, Foxes are wild carnivorous animals in a highly competitive and diverse environment. Their predation of farm animals is often more than "just a nuisance" and lack of fox control could have implications for biodiversity in local areas. I have abandoned a small but

profitable farmyard free-range egg supply business because the hens were taken by foxes during the day (they were shut in at night). Another neighbour has had to do the same - hens were killed and left within a high fenced run. Protection can be prohibitive. During a recent full story about the sorry demise ambing a neighbour lost 11 of John McFall MP's Wild Mamlambs, a significant amount from a small stock farm, and another witnessed two foxes working together to distract a ewe while a third fox attempted to remove one of twins just born. My husband frightened a vixen from a new-born lamb one of whose ears she had all but eaten off (two further lambs had been similarly injured during that lambing).

Following a period of consistent fox control in the locality this year, the numbers of ground nesting birds and young hares have increased significantly in spite of a wet spring.

From Mr Kevin Shilleto

room fires if halon is misused.

is not required, as a concen-

remains to sustain life. Unlike

other enclosed spaces where sec-

ondary damage to contents could

be as costly as the fire itself. In

none of these places is breathing equipment felt to be necessary.

fire molecules.

KEVIN SHILLETO

Fisheries and Food statistics may suggest that national losses to farmers are not significant (I question their source – there will be supported at all stages by the BFSS. be many losses which go unre-ported), the losses matter to individual farmers who need to control foxes. Control should be on a planned, local and season-byseason hasis. Hunting with hounds can very effectively achieve such local control, which is often all that is necessary. It has the added and important advantage of a quick kill with no foxes left to die of Ibeir injuries, unlike other forms of control. Yours faithfully,

Foulden, Berwickshire From Mr Elliot Morley, MP Sir: Lord Mancroft (Letters, 7 November) does not give the mals (Protection) Bill. Firstly. the sensible thing to do was to have used the existing wording to the 1911 Protection of Animals Act. This was refused by the British Field Sports Society because of the word "torture". They feared blood sports would be vulnerable to legal challenge.

DENISE WALTON

Secondly, while some Lords amendments were not objecnonable, none were necessary. The original wording was approved by Home Office and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food legal advisers. It was agreed by the BFSS and all

While Ministry of Agriculture, the animal welfare groups. It was The result was unnecessary amendments, one of which actually puts a serious loophole in the Bill according to RSPCA legal advisers. The Bill is seriously weak-

ened and its progress blocked. For Lord Mancroft to talk about "consensus" and "compromise" is hypocrisy of the worst kind. The result of this debacle is that many of my colleagues, from all parties, who served on the committee stage of this Bill feel that compromise with the blood sports lobby is pointless. Yours sincerely.

ELLIOT MORLEY MP for Glanford and Scunthorpe (Lab) House of Commons London, SW1 The writer is Labour spokesperson for Food, Agriculture and Rural

From Mr John Fuller Sir: In his article on foxes, I was surprised that Duff Hart-Davis did not mention the largest controller of foxes in this country, the Forestry Commission. Its employees kill about 25,000 foxes a year: this fact disposes of the claim that hounds are needed to kill foxes in forestry plantations. Yours faithfully,

JOHN FULLER Cambridge 5 November

Danger of further | Cancer, lice ferry engine fires and advice

From Dr Andrew Watterson Sir: The recent decision, based on Sir: Your coverage of the report

into the fire on the cross-Chan-"prudence" and the precautionary nel ferry Sally Star ("Blaze on principle, to place the headlice ferry 'exposed failings in safety drill ", 31 October) highlights the possibility of further ferry engine treatment carbaryl on prescription-only sale is to be welcomed "Cancer link leads to ban on sale of headlice remedies". 8 November). Carbaryl was first synthesised To be fully effective, halon must be released as soon as fire in 1953 and reports about its caris detected. Breathing apparatus cinogenic effects appeared in 1970. Other information about tratioo of maximum 5-6 per cent possible mutagenicity, reproducin the affected area will extintive, neurological and immunoguish fire; 94-95 per cent air logical effects of carbaryl has been available for at least a decade. It seems strange that the new policy carbon dioxide, halon does not consume oxygen: it eliminates had to be triggered by more evifire by chemical hreak-up of the dence from the manufacturers about carcinogenicity tests in lab-oratories and not by our regula-Halon is widely used in the UK tors acting on existing data and and elsewhere to protect computer rooms, telephone exchanges and

knowledge of data gaps. What will now happen to those agricultural, horticultural and public-health workers who still

use carbaryl on crops and for various pest-control purposes?

In the US data sheets on carbaryl do indicate the substance may cause mutations and may present reproductive hazards. Users there have some form of informed consent about which pesticides they choose to purchase. At the very least similar labels should be attached to the product in the UK for all its uses. This has not led to the cries of scaremongering referred to by your newspaper in the UK. If people are better informed about potential and known hazards, if they are told that the science is often unclear or contradictory, they are less likely to be "scared" and more likely to find out about hazards and accept the tentative advice of experts. Yours sincerely, Andrew Watterson

Director Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Policy De Montfort University 8 November

Art of drawing

From Mr Robert Tilling Sir: I greatly enjoyed reading "Learning to look really hard" (7 November) in which David Hockney expressed a fear for the future of drawing, particularly in our art schools. 1 can assure Mr Hockney, from

my experience of nearly 30 years of teaching art in schools, that drawing is certainly alive and well. In particular at GCE and GCSE level, although he would like to see such examinations abolished, there is some very exciting drawing being produced. Teachers are also being directed by the new national curriculum in art to encourage their students to draw and observe carefully the world in which they live.

I cannot really comment on the state of drawing at our art schools and universities, but there is a great deal of good drawing being produced which will be well illustrated by the next Cleveland International Drawing Biennale. In my experience the majority of school students want to draw

and enjoy drawing and, if they really wish it, most children can produce lively and interesting work. More interest should b focused on drawing in schools and particularly at Advanced GCE level. Here, I suggest, is a strong foundation for the future. Yours faithfully, ROBERT TILLING

Head of Art Victoria College Jersey 7 November

From Ms Kamlesh Bahl from the economics research is Sir: Barrie Clement ("EOC admits cost of sex equality at work", 4 November) confuses the research on the economics of equal opportunities published hy the Equal Opportunities Commission with the strongly developing husiness case for

equality for employers.

The EOC commissioned the research on the economics of equal opportunities to question the widely held perception that equality is an expensive luxury. It is also intended to stimulate riebate on how we achieve and maintain a competitive workforce which makes the best use of

the skills of men and women. The research complements the business case for equal opportu-nities on which a good deal of hard evidence is already emerging. For example, Rank Xerox estimates that over five years it has saved £1m in recruitment and retraining costs and previous lost productivarrangements following mater-

This is a net gain excluding the cost of the programme and has occurred because of a reduction in the company's loss of skilled and experienced women from over 80 per cent to under 20 per cent ner annum.

The significant issue emerging 7 November

that there is often a case for equality at the national level even if particular measures are not cost effective at the level of the employer. For example, providing training for one sex only may produce short-term cost savings, but can only be harmful in the medium to long term. The debate on equality has now progressed to encompass the economic and husiness arguments.

At the national level it is on the agenda of the CBI and many employers including the 500 members of the EOC's Equality Exchange: it is being increasingly debated within the European Union and this September's World Conference on Women fully recognised that gender must be included in all economic analysis and planning.
The EOC believes that these

arguments complement the moral arguments for equal opportunities and indeed may help to ity by introducing flexible working achieve the culture change we are seeking in organisations where long been ignored. Yours faithfully,

KAMLESH BAHL Chairwoman **Equal Opportunities** Commission Manchester

Misleading figures on domestic abuse

From Ms Una Freeley Sir: The "most thorough and sta-

tistically robust" National Family Violence US surveys which Oliver Kamm quotes (Letters, 3 November) are also the most notorious in the field of domestic violence, because of the misleading methods used.

Based on the use of the Conflict Tactics Scale, as was the similar MORI poll on "family violence" in this country, they produce the crudest of results which, in the words of Wardle, Gillespie and Leffler, "imply that a mother spanking her child is equivalent to a husband breaking his wife's ribs. The aim seems to be to play

down all physical violence in the home and to ignore sexual violence, threats, humiliation and the other degradations which drive so many women to seek help. Even the highest (and still

climbing) current estimates of how many women suffer abuse in the home sound puny to those of us daily overwhelmed with requests from women for advice, information and refuge. What is clear is that women

who once fight back never hear the last of it from their partners and men pursue women through the courts far more vigorously than women usually pursue Yours faithfully.

UNA FREELEY Domestic Violence drop-in Women and Medical Practice London, NS 6 November

From Ms Jo Chilvers Sir: Oliver Kamm's knowledge of violence against women (Letters. 3 November) appears somewhat limited. For research giving detailed analysis of the issues, including victim perspectives and some support for the "one in four" figure (one woman in four has suffered physical abuse from a male partner). I draw his attention to the work of among others, Edwards (1989), Stanko (1990). Dobash & Dobash (1992)

and Mooney (1993).

Mr Kamm refers to the work of Gelles & Straus in support of his argument. This work has been highly criticised (eg Dobash & Dobash 1992) for its highly suspect methodology which fails to take account of meaning; the intention and perception of both perpetrator and victim. The "50 per cent of violent incidents committed by women" figure cited by Mr Kamm often refers to attempts by women to defend themselves against more aggressive male partners, with the initial "incident" perpetrated by a man - as evidence from injury rates and levels will confirm.

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In choosing to focus on that one body of work, Mr Kamm may have given the impression that violence vithin heterosexual relationships is committed by men and women in equal proportion. A more balanced look at the wealth of available research on the subject will uphold the more accepted view that such violence within relationships remains overwhelmingly perpetrated by men. Yours faithfully, JO CHILVERS Reading. Berkshire

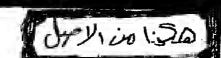
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Dance on the grave of the Establishment

Notions of right no longer include due deference to the state's authority or duty to one's class

The real lesson of the Ordtech con-spiracy, as of Matrix Churchill and the leaks from government's heart, is not that we live under a corrupt Estabfishment, but that we are living ma time of disestablishment. The Establishment is dissolving it is snitching on itself. Reliable chaps are thinning on the ground. A new public morality is stalking the land.

Nothing is new about these scandais, except that we know about them. Who believes that in earlier decades there were no disreputable or foolish decisions by the Foreign Office? Or that husinessmen had a bard time when they fell foul of the state? Or that Parliament and the public were misled about embarrassing policies?

Such things are not the unique butden of the Major-Thatcher years. What is really striking is that judges, senior barristers, business executives, civil servants, former ministers, Tory MPs and newspaper proprietors are losing any deference for their political masters. They don't give a damn what Downing Street wants them to say or do, even if they were appointed personally by the Prime Minister. They say what they think and do what they want. That is why these stories are

getting out, and running.
Think of Lord Justice Taylor's brusque sweeping-aside of Government secrecy in the Ordtech appeal and his attack on Michael Howard over sentencing. Think of the stripping-away of the veils of secret Whitehall life by Lord Justice Scott. Think of Alan Clark's devastatingly candid evidence in the Matrix Churchill trial itself.

Consider the way Lord Nolan and his committee, carefully hand-picked

by John Major and the Cabinet Sec-retary, Sir Robin Butler, nevertheless produced a report that shook the Cabinel and divided the Tories in Parliament. Think of the scorehing, pub-licly expressed views of Judge Stephen Turnim, the outgoing Inspector of Prisons, on the prisons policy of the Home Secretary. Think of those anonymous civil servants who regu-larly pass documents outside. Think of

Derek Lewis, going loudly.

In earlier decades, influenced by ruling-class reticence, by the disciplines of World War and by the Cold War, judges seemed much quicker to accept ministerial authority. mmisterial authority, newspapers were more respectful of it and public servants shut up and served it. Most, though not all, of the people fisted above as recent troublemakers for the state would have fitted into the original definitions of the Establishment, as it was first described by AJP Taylor in the New Statesman in 1953 and then by Henry Fairlie, a deep-drinking genius, in a better known article in the Spectator in September 1955.

For Taylor, as a left-wing historian, the Establishment was essentially the ruling class, which recruited outsiders as soon as they conformed to its codes of conduct. "There is nothing more agreeable in life," he wrote, "than to make peace with the Establishment and nothing more corrupting." By that definition. British public life in 1995 cheeringly full of incorruptibles who refuse to make peace on politicians' terms.

Fairlie's article was subtler and more specific. He was writing about the attempts to hush up the disappearance of the traitors Burgess and Maclean



ANDREW MARR Columnist of the Year

Authority may pass to power centres beyond the reach of the ballot

and, therefore, about the same Foreign Office and intelligence service demi-monde so heavily involved in the Ordtech and Matrix Churchill fiascos. He stressed that the Establishment went beyond the official centres; power in England "is exercised sociatly"

He then listed the chair of the Arts Council, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, the "stratum" of Foreign Office types and upper-crusties who tried to protect the Burgess-Mackean story via the Times and the Observer and the links between Buckingham Palace and the Leader of the Opposition, which had prevented a disobliging piece about Princess Margaret appearing in an American magazine. All demon-strated, said Fairlie, "the subtle social relationships" of the Establishment at

But those relationships, linking polities so tightly with the media and public service, have now gone. Britain still

perk and privilege, notably in business. But this is no longer a country in which chaps from the FO, the odd titled lady and the head of a quango can close ranks and twist public debate. The press, far from being fixable, is aggressively on the other side. Whitehall is being jemmied open. Princesses, lampooned at home, would give their rollerblades for the sort of soft, gus-sipy coverage they get in the US. Fairlie's Establishment had started

to crack within a few years of his article, battered by the satire boom and Sixties' scandals. And some Estabtishment members have always broken rank - there have always been stroppy judges, republican peers and so on.

It is more that, these days, there are no ranks left to break. Notions of right no longer include due deference to the state's authority or duty to one's class. Earlier generations of public servants were acting conscientionsly when they kept silent for the good of the country, or gave the benefit of every disputed doubt to the Crown. What has changed is not the goodness or hadness of those in public life, but the civic morality by which they judge themselves. It has no space for unquestioning loyalty to ministers or institutions.

It is not a shift to the left, as such. The judges militant and sleaze-finders are mostly soft Tories, from Establishment backgrounds. Alan Clark is hardly one of life's dripping liberals.

Those pudgy, unappealing businessmen who traded with Iraq and who refused to take their judicial medicine punishment are not the sort you find on the list of signatories to Charter 88.

It is more that the solidarity described by Fairlie has been

destroyed by liberalism, social mobility and a more aggressive democratic culture. These conspiracies and embarrassment are spilling out now not because the state is behaving worse, but because other people in public life are growing worse at taking "no" for an answer.

So there are libertarian QCs. unabashed whirele-blowers and judges who are utterly unawed by elected politicians. The deference of senior barristers and judges, editors and tycoons, has gone. The military loyalty of the state bureaucracy is going, loo. partly due in the contract-culture and agency management brought in by this Government. It is almost as if, living under a monarchy, we are becoming

stroppy republicans.

Not all of this should be unequivocally welcomed, because if the elected clite is no longer accepted as worthy of some special respect, its authority may pass to commercial or international power centres that are even farther beyond the reach of the ballotbox. But in every other respect, rather than wailing our outrage at revelations like the Ordrech one, we should celebrate the fact of these stories, for they are signs of disestablishment of Britain.

What did that Establishment described by Fairlie 40 years ago leave us with? A country in which ministers could gag justice and an MI6 man could say of a death threat, "If we were not too squeamish we might use this point to ensure silence", secure in the belief that his thuggish hint would never be traced or judged. If that country is dying, we shouldn't stand around wringing our hands; we should join hands and dance on its grave.

the role of the state at home, and to start to step

will put just as great pressures on European

countries as it has on the US, maybe greater because they carry the costs of more extensive

welfare systems. The same sort of political

forces that led to the Republican landslide will

show themselves across Europe, which may well

react in a similar manner. The world becomes much more dangerous if Europe and America

So what is to be done? There is no magic

wand, but to understand why American finance

has become less interested in Europe is a point

at which dialogue can continue. If the politicians

won't talk to each other, at least the markets can.

the signals they give deserve attention. If, for

The rush to monetary union,

in US eyes, diverts Europe

from much more pressing

economic and social issues

Financial markets are utterly international, and

both withdraw into themselves.

The impact of a truly global market economy

back from international commitments, too.

The 12 Gore Vidals of Christmas

oday, in the run-up to the I festive season, we turn to the knotty topic of Christmas presents and how to choose them for yourself.

Of course, when I say choosing presents for yourself. I do not mean choosing presents to give yourself. I mean being ready for the question: "So, what do you want for Christmas this year?" It is a serious question. Most

people have not the faintest idea what to give each other, so they end up asking the recipi-ent for help and advice. The trouble is that the recipient seldom has any idea what he wants either. Oh yes, he might have said to himself that it would be nice to have that new Gore Vidal book, or that new record by Jessica Williams, or that he needed some more shirts, but most of us seldom rise above this mundane level, and even then we seldom even remember that we wanted that Gore Vidal book when we are

put on the spot. So, as we near Christmas, we get distressing repetitions of conversations like this:

"Any idea what you want for Christmas this year, Dad?" "What? Oh, good Lord, I hadn't thought. I don't really need anything. Book? Record? Something like that"

That is worse than useless. That is useless and irritating. It leaves the asker feeling aggrieved at not getting any help. You think that you are sending out the message: "On, dun't want to be a problero at Christmas time, so don't worry about me," hut you are doing the opposite. You are creating a problem. The problem of you as a hlack hole.

So what you have to do is sit down well in advance of Christmas, long before you start worrying about what to give other people, and work out what you want. This is not selfishness. This is generosity. You are giving help to other people. You are selfiessly mak-ing their Christmas task easier hy preparing a list. In the old days you would have put at the top of the list "Dear Father Christmas, what I want is as follows..." but just because ou do not helieve in Father Christmas any more does not mean the principle does not

hold good. The way you make a list is by listening to your own conversation and writing down things you told yourself you needed. During the year there have been moments when you said: "Oh, if only we had a ..." or

What we need is a good ... " or "I can't believe we haven't got an up-to-date ..." or "How much longer can we survive without a ...?

you will accumulate a list along

Music stand Umbrella

Warm gloves A dictionary of quotations A garlic press A wine cooler

A corkscrew that looks good, ie, not like an old cider press, and works as well As that list looks a little

dreary and functional, and also does not mention anything particularly gift-like, you will probably add to the list one or two other items that you really want, such as that Gore Vidal book or that Jessica Williams CD.

(I would like to make it plain that I know most of you do not want a book hy Gore Vidal and may not even have heard of Jessica Williams. I am just using these as examples. Examples of the sort of thing want for Christmas, actually. For you it may be something totally different - maybe boxed



sets of Purcell or the new Blur CD. Incidentally, did you know that on Merseyside there is no difference between the pronunciation of the group Blur and the leader of the Labour Party? Just a thought.)

So when people ask you what on earth you want for Christmas, as you are so difficult to buy presents for, you smilingly produce your list (or quote from it from memory if you do not want it to seem too much like a wedding list at John Lewis's) and mention all the things on it from the wine cooler down to the Gore Vidal book

The result of this planning is all too predictable.

When Christmas comes, you find that you have been given anything up to 11 copies of the Gore Vidal book. And you do not really want

any of them now. Because two weeks before Christmas you could not resist huying yourself a copy, just in case nobody bought you one at

Christmas. So the only result of all the careful Christmas planning is that you now have 12 copies of that Gore Vidal book, and you got them too lale to give any of them away as presents to other people.

Well, instead of saying it, Tomorrow we will try to rethink write it down. And gradually this whole Christmas thing again. Tomorrow we will try to rethink

Europe is far from being a major concern for American financiers - and we should learn from this

Wall Street looks the other way

New York - It is always good, in Rohhie Burns's phrase, to see ourselves as others see us and one of the delights of spending a cou-ple of days talking to Wall Street bankers is to catch a feel for the priorities of the US financial community. "We know," said a colleague a few days ago, "that the Americans are not interested in Britain. But what do they think about Europe? Have they given up on Europe, too?"

Certainly Europe occupies a small space of mind in American finance, despite the fact that has greater economic output than either of the other two main economic zones. North America or East Asia. You can catch this in the way European news is reported. Big political stories are reported, but analysis is limited. We are much more interested, for obvious reasons, in Colin Powell's decision not to run for president, than they are in a French cabinet reshuffle.



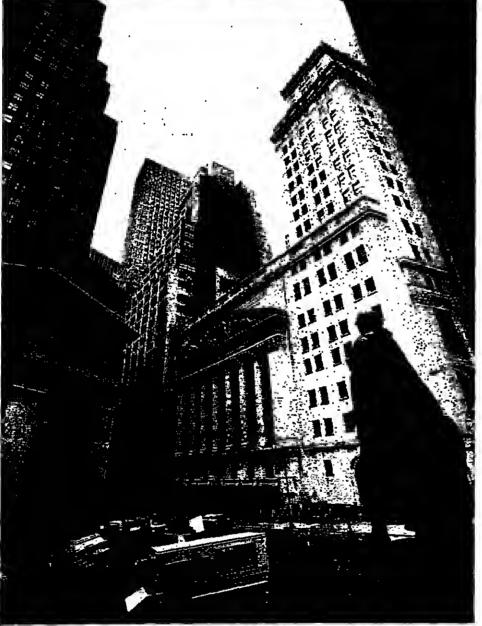
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Why the lack of interest? I put the question to the senior management of one of the US's largest hanks at a lunch high above Wall Street. The answer came in three main parts. The first was that in present trading terms Europe was no longer that important to the US. Of course it was still a large and rich market, but if you looked at the numbers, trade with Canada and Mexico was much greater. Second and more important, Western Europe

did not, looking ahead, appear an exciting market. It did not have the vigour of the rapidly growing economies of East Asia, nor the potential of Latin America. Within Europe the most interesting markets were places such as Potand, and markets were places such as Potand, and maybe, for the very hrave, Russia. They are not the members of the EU.

Third, there was surprise and concern that the EU had allowed itself to become so bogged down in plans for monetary union. The ordinary people did not want it, and the whole project was far too early. To try to impose a currency union before there was economic convergence was

simply not sensible. Why, I was asked, did not Britain make the reasoned and responsible case against this rush to EMU, speaking as a candid friend, instead of its present hostile (and ineffective) opposition? I suppose the answer is that we would not be listened to, whatever we said and however we said it. But understand the import of the question: in the eyes of Europe's thoughtful friends on Wall Street, the EU has embarked on a course of action that will end in tears, and that diverts it from much more pressing issues of economic and social policy. And the less successful we, in Europe, appear, the less attention America will pay. There are better fish to fry.



Vall Street may be able to tell us more than Washington

Photograph: Brian Harris

Does that matter? Well yes, it matters desperately. A weak or ill-tempered relationship tween Europe and North America is damagmg in purely economic terms, given the mutual interdependence of the two most mature economic zones, but the potential damage goes far beyond that. The danger is that the gulf between America and Europe becomes so wide that they cease to co-operate in providing political and cconomic stability to the world.

By coincidence some of those dangers will be speli out today in a speech in Vienna by the promment New York financier Felix Rohatyn, who

warns of growing isolationism within America. Mr Rohatyn, managing director of Lazard Frères, but best known for his role in saving New York from bankruptcy in the late 1970s, is a Democrat. So naturally he would be concerned at the right-wing social agenda of the Republicans since the landslide victories of a year ago. The gist of his argument is that this revolution goes far beyond Reaganism and Thatcherism in the 1980s and will have a profound impact on Western European democracies. Faced with much greater international competitive pressures, the reaction of Republican politicians has been to hack back

example, the bond market distrusts the securi-ties issued by major European governments and pushes up interest rates on these, that is a signal that policies are probably misguided. If the markets signal that it is 100 early for a single European currency, then that deserves attention, 100. Leave aside the grand political threat of iso-lationism on both sides of the Atlantic and note

the economic threat of a slow-growing, rigid, unsuccessful Europe. What worries me about America's lack of interest in Europe is less that it is a sign of growing isolationism, more that it is justified. You would not expect US politicians to be particularly worried about slow growth in Europe, for it is not their problem if we grow so slowly that our living standards hardly rise for a generation. We should be concerned if US finance loses interest, for it is a signal that this might indeed happen.

Maybe the message for Europe from New York is more useful than the message from Wash-ington. The restructuring of American industry of the past decade - the cutbacks in manufacturing but also the development of whole new service industries, particularly in software, and the explosive growth of others, particularly in entertainment - has been very painful in human terms. The new jobs are not necessarily in the same

places, or for the same people, as the old, But there is no doubt that US lnc has lifted its game. Everyone here talks of it. The old industries are much more competitive; the new out on their own, unmatched by Japan, the country that many people five years ago saw as the worldbeater. Above all, it is an economy that creates new jobs, including many highly paid ones, something at which Europe continues to be spectac-

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way



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John Cahill

effective, and greatly underratfigure, 6ft 4in (all, who appeared especially forbidding when peering over his half-moon spectactes, in the 35 years after he joined BTR (then called the Birmingham Tyre and Ruhber Company) in 1955 he was one of the four executives led by Sir Owen Green who built it into a lending industrial holding group. Subsequently, as chairman of British Aerospace, he rescued Britain's principal aerospace company from the edge of bankruptcy. Nevertheless he was too brusque, too honest, too much of a loner, to be appreciated for his full worth.

Cahill worked 12 hours a day seven days a week and hated holidays which, he said, spoiled the rhythm of his life, though he sometimes expressed the wish to retire: "I would like to do some prison visiting and work with small children." He had a miserable childhood

himsett. His trish Catholic father. notable for a violent temper which the son inherited but kept largely under control, was one of the founders of Blue Circle Cement and later an entrepreneur and merchant banker. Cahill himself was sent off to boarding school at the age of nine. He hated it. As he later said: Even if you absolutely detest a child, don't do it. It is so lonely . . . " He was beaten regularly, with canes thick and thin, "the thin ones stung and the thick ones just hurt. It quickly ceased to be a deterrent.

The lonely child was father to the driven loner of an adult, happy only with his wife and three daughters, a man obsessed with punctuality and orderliness and with the importance of honesty.

After a short spell in a stock-roker's office in the late 1940s. he look fright at the idea that brokers could he nationalised and sent out 300 joh applications. One went to the Birmingham Tyre and Ruhber Company which made him the company's second post-war management trainee. When Owen Green joined the company in 1956 Cahill became his loval lieutenant, one of the four "horsemen" who built BTR into an industrial giant. The BTR formula was simple: combining autonomy for subsidiaries with rigorous financial controls. But, to its great, and under-recognised credit, BTR, unlike Hanson and GEC - with which it was often compared specialised in encouraging investment and growth within

conform with the notoriously puritan BTR ethic. For over a decade Cahill was involved in expanding BTR's operations in the United States. but he retired prematurely at the age of 60 in 1990 because of BTR's failure to take over the Massachusetts-based Norton

the companies it acquired, once

they had been reorganised to

abrasives group. In April 1992, he took over as chairman of British Aerospace, just before the group's low point. A disastrous splurge of diversi-fication had left the group on its knees. In September 1992, six months after taking over, Cahill had to announce a write-off of £1hn for restructuring the company, a drastic policy of what he called "costs down".

Cabill also slimmed the group, getting rid of a big con-struction group. Ballast Needham, and, closer to the group's core, its corporate jet husiness. His efforts received a considerable boost from the long-delayed

signature in January 1993 of a £3hn order from the Saudis for Tornado aircraft, the so-called Yamamah 2 deal, signed only after a personal intervention by the Prime Minister, John Major. Cabill's main failure was his in. ability to implement a joint venture with the Taiwanese to take over BAe's loss-making regional jet business. This was not entirely his fault, but it helped his enemies on the board, as did the uproar surrounding the sale of the Rover group to BMW in January 1994. In the political in-fighting characteristic of BAe Cahill was at a disadvantage, as a loner who ended up without an ally on the board. As one friend remarked after he left in early 1994, after only two years of a chairmanship: "He is completely straightforward; building hridges is something that would never have occurred to him as necessary."

Cahill's unusual financial arrangements also served to cloud his achievements: he continued to live in the United States and insisted that he be paid there through the group's American subsidiary. He secured share options which proved highly profitable: large-ly because, thanks to his efforts, the share price had risen more than five times during his stewardship. He received a total payoff of over £3m from BAe last year, attracting wide public dis-approval. But he could look back with some satisfaction at his period at BAe as its European rivals the German-Dutch Dasa group controlled by Daimler Benz, struggles with appalling losses caused by an unwillingness to pursue the same ruthless cost-cutting

policy as BAe. Characteristically, Cahill refused to make a fuss at his sudden departure, commenting merely that "I have worked for 48 years; I now might take a few weeks off." Nevertheless early this year he was back on the business scene as the new chairman of the troubled American airline TWA.

Nicholas Faith

John Conway Calill, business-man: born Ruislip, Middlesex 8 January 1930; deputy overseas general manager, BTR Indus-tries 1963-76, deputy managing di-rector 1976-78, president and chief executive, BTR Inc and chairman, BTR Pan American 1979-86, chief executive, BTR ple 1067-00 1987-90, non-executive chairman, BTR Inc 1987-92; chairman, British Aerospace 1992-94; married 1956 Giovanna Lenardon (three daughters); died Rhode Island 4 November 1995.



The most unbending of republican voices: Blaney (left) outside the House of Commons with Owen

Neil Blaney

minister, were members of a

cahinet sub-committee set up to

monitor events in the North

while Haughey was put in charge

of funds for the relief of distress

among Northern nationalists.

the planning were against giv-

differences over the policy were

clear from the fact that North-

ern Catholics were by Septem-

ber 1969 being given training at

Irish Army camps in Donegal.

from Antwerp to Duhlin was set

for April 1970, but came unstuck

when the Irish Special Branch

intervened to block it. Lynch was

told two days later and on 5 May

Haughey and Blaney were

knowledge of the arms impor-

tation part of the venture and

Blaney and Haughey denied

sacked from the cabinet.

The importation of weapons

Though some involved in

Though most widely known for the infamous Arms Trial in 1970 which followed his and Charles Haughey's ejection from the Irish cabinet by the Taoiseach, Jack Lynch, Neil Blaney had a marathon political career that spanned almost 50 years.

Blaney's name became synonymous with an unbending Irish republican viewpoint in whatever forum he was in, which was entirely consistent with his background. His father, Neal Blaney, had been in the IRA during the Independence struggle and in 1927 became a. Fianna Fail TD [MP] himself when it was formed by Eamon de Valera after splitting off from Sinn Fein

Neil Blancy took the Donegal seat vacated by his father's death in 1948 and emerged as one of the party's finest organisers. By his mid-thirties he was serving as a cahinet miniser, first under de Valera and from 1959 under the reforming Sean Lemass. By the mid-Sixties Blaney had emerged as one of the four most dynamic members of the government.

As Local Government minister he was responsible for urban redevelopment programmes, moving inner-city slum tenement dwellers to new Dublin estates, in the process erecting Duhlin's first high-rise housing. He was also behind schemes that made big improvements in rural water supplies. At by-elections he was the party's organisation expert, backed up by a mobile army of canvassers. Reporters such as Brendan OhEithir dubbed them "The Donegal Mafia", describing their arrival in rural areas, heralded by the screeching of car tyres and vehicles full of sharp-suited young

In 1966 Blaney entered the were acquitted after Ireland's Fianna Fail leadership contest, hut withdrew under pressure from Lemass, who backed the eventual winner, Jack Lynch. Such was Blaney's presence by with Government policy. then that Lynch was unable to

move him from Agriculture to another department. When the Northern Ireland conflict erupted in 1969, Blaney made a series of forceful speeches attacking the British handling of the crisis, repeatedly underlining Dublin's warning that it "cannot, and will not, stand idly by in the face of wide scale attacks on Catholic areas. Blaney was credited with planning the importation of

Blaney's victory in the 1979 arms for relief of Catholic areas European elections, drawing in Northern Ireland, an idea an enormous \$1,000 first prefstrongly urged by Northern naerences, showed his undiminished strength. In 1982 in a tionalist leaders fearful of their community's future amid the fierce speech in the European burning of Catholic areas in the Parliament, he strongly objectsummer of 1969. Blaney and ed to any endorsement of Charles Haughey, as finance Britain's Falklands policy which he denounced as a continuation of Britain's colonialist past.

From 1982 Blaney gave Dail support to Fianna Fail governing weapons to people outside the control of the Irish army, the the party.

Alan Murdoch Neil Blanev, pohitcian, farmer, hotelier: born Rossnakill, Co Donegal 29 October 1922; member, Donegal County Council 1948-57; TD (MP) for Donegal North-East 1948-95; MEP for Connacht-Ulster 1979-94: Minister for Posts and Telegraphs March-December 1957: Minister for Local Government 1957-66; Minister for Agriculture 1966-70:

married Eva Corduff (five sons;

two daughters); died Dublin 8

trial of the century. Their stance was problematic for their three co-accused, who maintained that they were co-operating

The affair led to Blaney's departure from the party in 1971. but his machine went loyally en masse with him. Besides Blaney's Dail position they retained a number of local couneil seats. He declined to join moves to form a new national party, but carried on a half-way house under the "Independent Fianna Fail label in his native Donegal, which took a second Dail seat in 1976.

ments. But despite almost annual calls from delegates to the party's and flieis. Fianna Fail never invited the most unbending of republican voices back into

Bert Lister the Haymarket in 1943, and the

Bert Lister's colourful life asfollowing year toured South Africa with him, acting as mansures him of a small place in theatrical history. As dresser, valet, stage manager and chauffeur, he performed his services with no degree of servility whatsoever. Noël Coward nicknamed him "Nanny", an appellation Lister once look literally, answering a summons by the Mas-

ter in full nurse's uniform. Lister grew up in the Midlands, and maintained that his bookmaker father was the black sheep of an otherwise respectable family - his son rather thought to continue in that vein. His mother, an amateur opera singer, died when she was 36 years old. At the time Lister senior was nowhere to be found he was in fact at the Northern Derby in Newcastle - and it was three days before he learnt of his wife's death. That night he went to bed caying, and when he woke the next morning his hair had turned snowwhite, his son recalled. 'It was in all the papers."

The family lived for a while at Venmor, in the Isle of Wight, in a house which had to be quickly abandoned in 1914 -Bert remembered that the breakfast things were left on the table - when it was requisitioned to hold German prisoners of war. They moved to London. and aged 12 Bert was already on stage, joining Percy Lewis's revue, performing a whistling act,
"In a Monastery Gardens".

Bert Lister married young, a millionairess called Margaret Cox, but the match did not last long. "I was one of those proud cocky bleeders, and I just pinched her car and drove away and left her."

He met his second wife. Doris Mann, when he was playing a bookmaker - an appropriate role – in Derby Days. She was one of Cochran's Young Ladies. "very attractive ~ hut a bit stupid". By this time Lister had been taken under Alice Delysia's wing, where his somewhat explosive manner, and easy way with Anglo-Saxon oaths, got him into trouble when he forgot his lines in A Pair of Trousers (1930) at the Criterion Theatre. "I played the but-ler in it - I had to bring in a tray and say, 'Madam, please ask one of the lower servants if you want the steps moving, and I forgot it. I was trying to find the words, and muttered, 'Oh fuck

War Lister served in the Royal Marines, and was for a period hatman to Evelyn Waugh. He once met the novelist in London by chance, and he invited him to White's. Someone came in and said, I'm sorry, Other Ranks aren't allowed in here ." Lister recalled. "Waugh said, 'Oh piss off,' The fellow went scarlet! Then someone else came in and said the same thing, and Waugh said, I told him to go, I don't want to have

it', and two ladies in the stalls

heard me and I got the sack! But

to tell you to go, just go!" Before the war Lister had become friendly with John Gielgud, and logether they shared a flat in St Martin's Lane. It was through John Perry, another friend of Gielgud's, later to become Binkie Beaumont's boyfriend, that Lister was recommended to Noël Coward as "secretary-cum-dogsbody". He worked with Coward during the run of Present Laughter at 1995.

under-performing boxer. "On the opening night at Cape Town, he went on and made a real cock-up of it. A lot of people had paid a lot of money it was packed: General Smuts was in. When he came off - and he really had behaved disgracefully, his performance was terrible . . . 1 clouded him across the chops. I said . . . You're not fit to lick their boots! . . . He went back and did his two best comedy songs, and it was a riot. Coward himself paid tribute to Lister in his autobiography Fuure indefinite (1954): "He could charm a bird off a tree, provided the hird was familiar with racetrack jargon, rhyming slang and the more trenchant four-letter words of our native tongue. In 1945 Lister met Gail Kendall, who was appearing in

ager, on occasions sounding

like an East End trainer to his

Coward's revue Sigh No More. She was to become his third wife, after a period of living together before Lister's divorce came through, an immorality which had the improbable effect of shocking Noël Coward. In the immediate post-war years, Lister spent time in Paris, where he stage-managed an appearance by Maurice Chevalier whom, he recalled, was spat at because of his collaborationist reputation. He also met Edith Piaf: "I was very fond of her. Always pissed at night ... a strange girl - a hit sexy. Lister remembered. By this time his relationship with Coward was beginning to break up. "We had terrible rows - he only wanted me to star Graham Payn in the show! I wouldn't have anything to do with it. I had to move out of the Ritz into another hotel because we wouldn't speak." Lister left Coward after seven years of service and. despite a flurry of telegrams from him, refused to return.

Lister subsequently started up a chauffenring business.

My best driver was the
Queen's former driver, Fred ... He didn't even know where Piccadilly Circus was! All he did was drive - he followed the two cyclists in front of him. So I had

to buy him a map." His last job was with the film producer Norman Jewison during his most successful period (producing Fuldler on the Roof, Rollerball, Jesus Christ Superstar), and seven years later he retired, to his flat in Victoria. His daughter by Gail Kendall, Perry Lister, became part of Sarah Brightman's "Hot Gossip" dance troupe, and went on to marry the rock star Billy

It was odd to visit Lister and Kendall in their tiny flat, where Coward sat happily on the sideboard alongside snaps of the peroxide punk rocker Billy Idol and their pink-haired daughter. Weakened by a lengthy illness in his last years, Lister nevertheless gave graphic and blasphemous accounts of his past adventures, a mixture of a theatrical Don Juan and a minor character in a Cockney play by his onetime master. Noël

Philip Hoare

Herben Lister, stage manager, dresser, chauffeur: born 1908; married three times (one daughter); died London 30 October

Coward.

Raymond W. Hoeeker, died Springfield, Missouri 5 No. vember, aged 82. Inventor of the round symbol with lines Bar Code, used for product pricradiating from its centre.

ing. His idea for a code scanning system originated in 1968 as a

Professor Ernest Gellner

plications and consequences of

In the unique and idiosyneratic intellectual melance that constituted Ernest Gellner, philesophy too had its part to play. writes Professur David-Hillel Ruben (further to the obituary by Professor Chris Hann. 8 November].

Cahill: completely straightforward

Geliner's philosophical contribution might be thought of in two ways. First, there was the well-known early intervention against ordinary language phi-losophy. In Words and Things. he sought to expose the excesses of the methodology then prac-tised in much of the Anglo-American philosophical world. Targeting chiefly Wittgenstein and his Oxford followers, Gellner, in that book and in his influential Cause and Meaning in the Social Sciences, attacked what he saw as the idealist im-

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such a style of philosophising, which he regarded as unacceptable for the practice of the social sciences. In this, he was in the company of other philosophers at the London School of Économics, who stood apart from the philosophical fashions of the time, and defended a quite distinctive point of view from the environs of Houghton Street. He incurred the displeasure of the Oxford dons; it is said that Gilbert Ryle, then editor of Mind, the leading philosophy journal in the UK, refused to allow a review of Words

its pages. Secondly, there was that completely idiosyncratic style of social philosophising, so characteristic of Gellner's main

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Gellner was an eclectic, who combined many social sciences into a single systematic approach. His social philosophy was continuous with, and grew naturally from, the tensions and problems to which this way of doing things gave rise. Social philosophy has inspired countless numbers of students, and Gellner was its

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1965. Today is the Feast Day of St Be-

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Lewis, "Drawing and Renaissance Workshop Practices", 5.30pm.

Lectures

Foyles Literary Luncheon

yesterday at Grosvenor House, Lonoblication of Bhe Gees Home.

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Dinners

Hazards Forum

Lord Home of the Hirsel There will be two thanksgiving services for the life of Lord Home of the

In London, a service will be held in Westminster Abbey on Monday 22 January, at 11.30am. Those wishing to anend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to Miss Karen Koenen, 23 Great Winchester Street, London EC2P 2AX. Tickets will be posted on

8 January. In Edinburgh, a service will be beld in St Giles' Cathedral on Monday 4 December, at Ham. No tickets are

Yitzhak Rabin

A memorial meeting for Yitzhak Ra-bin will be held on Sunday 12 No-vember at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7, from 12.30pm 10 1.30pm. Doors will open at 11.02am, following the two minutes' silence for Remembrance Day. No rickets are required and all are welcome. A memorial service will be held afterwards, at 3.15pm, at the West London Synagogue, London Wt.

Luncheons

Lord Healey was in the chair at the 629th Foyles Literary Luncheon held don W1, in honour of Mr Roy Hattersley MP, and to celebrate the

Professor Sir Bernard Crosland, past chairman of Hazards Forum, and Sir Richard Morris, chairman of Nirex. presided over a dinner discussion held yesterday evening by the Haz-ards Forum at the Athenaeum Club, London SW1. Sir Richard Doll and Dr Trevor Kletz spoke on "Risk - a

Appointments Mr David Manning, to be Ambas sador to the State of Israel.

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Mr Martin Williams, to be British High Commissioner to the Republic of Zimbabwe. Lord Archer of Sandwell OC, to be Chairman of the Council on Professor Gordon McVie. to he

Director-General of the Cancer Research Campaign. **●** 355 **● •** ;

No security for 'Private Eye' libel costs

LAW REPORT Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Peter 9 November 1995 Gibson and Sir Roger Parker)

November 1995.

The court had no jurisdiction to order an impecunious plaindants' solicitors that he had tiff, whose defamation action was being funded by a close relthe financial assistance of a relative such as his mother, to ative, who turned out to be his provide security for the mother.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the de-fendants, Ian Hislop and Pressdram Ltd, and affirmed the decision of Sir Michael Davies, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on 15 July 1995, who set aside the order of deputy Master Ashton, on t.2 May 1994, requiring the plaintiff, John Stuart Condliffe. to provide security for the defendants costs in the sum of £5,000 failing which his action

defendants' costs.

would be stayed.

The defendants were respecificly the editor and publisher of the magazine Private Eye, in which there appeared, on 27 March 1992, an article about the way the plaintiff, a chartered accountant, conducted his husiness. The plainliff claimed the article was defamatory and began proceedings on 23 July 1993 plaintiff and his wife were ad- Means were not relevant, exudged bankrupt. When asked how he proposed to finance his litigation, he told the defen-

The defendants suggested the plaintiff's mother was a lady of modest means and that the plaintiff, who was also pursuing a similar action against West Country Television, would incur substantial costs. They applied for a stay of the action unless or until he provided

David Eady QC and Adricanc Page (Davenport Leons) for the defendants: Gooffrey Shaw QC (Peter Carter-Ruck & Ptrs) for the plainiff.

Lord Justice Kennedy referred to Order 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which dealt with security for costs. As the defendants conceded, the plaintiff did not fall within Order 23, rute 1, which was clearly directed at plaintiffs against whom, because they were abroad or concealing their identity, or were shielding themselves hehind a nominal seeking damages for libel. plaintiff, it might be difficult to on 27 August 1993, the enforce an order for costs.

cept in the case of a nominal plaintiff, and the law was in general anxious not to shut out the individual plaintiff who was of

limited means.

There was no other Rule of the Supreme Court on which the defendants could rely, so their submission was that Order 23 was not exhaustive as to the circumstances in which the court might order security for costs. They sought to rely on the court's inherent jurisdiction.

But on the face of it Order 23 appeared to be specific as to the circumstances in which security for costs could be ordered, even to extent of providing, in rule 3, that "This Order is without prejudice to the provisions of any enactment which empowers the Court to require security to be given for the costs

of any proceedings.
If Order 23, rule 1 was not intended to he exhaustive as to the circumstances in which the jurisdiction might be exercised. rule 3 would seem to be surplusage; and in C.T. Bowring 1. Corsi [1994] 2 Lloyd's Rep 567 (Law Report, 14 July 1994), two members of the Court of Appeal expressed the view that Order 23, rule 1 was exhaustive.

The defendants argued that the court always had power to defend itself against abuse, and to order security for costs or stay proceedings as weapons to that end. Maintenance was still an ahuse, even if it was no longer a crime or tort; so where, as here, a plaintiff had been shown to he a maintained plaintiff, an order for security for costs enforced by means of

a stay should normally be

But it was clear from the Law Commission's report in 1966 whose proposal for the abolition of the crimes and torts of maintenance and champerty was enacted in the Criminal Law Act 1967) that by then a close relative would have been regarded as lawfully justified and not guilty of maintenance if they were to give financial assistance to a person in this plaintiff's position. Nothing had happened since 1966 to render illegal the actions of the

plaintiff's mother in this case. Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

• In R v Blackledge (Law Report, 8 November) John Aspinali QC and Elizabeth Gunther should have been included in the list of counsel for the appellants.

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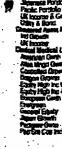
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IN BRIEF Virgin mulls legal advice on Channel 5

Legal counsel to Virgin TV, a failed bidder for the Channel 5 terrestrial broadcasting licence, say that there are grounds to proceed with legal action aimed at overturning the controversial decision. The Independent Television Commission, which last month awarded the licence to the Pearson/MAI-backed consortium Channel 5 Broadcasting, failed the Virgin TV bid on the issue of programming quality. Backers of Virgin TV, including Richard Branson's Virgin Group, HTV and Associated Newspapers, will meet on Monday to discuss the recommendation. Another partner in the winning group, the Luxemhourg-based CLT media group, yesterday acquired a 49 per cent stake in the UK's all-talk independent radio station, Talk Radio.

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Henderson pension funds down £500m

Henderson Administration's shares fell 13p to 1,235p as it revealed another £500m fall in pension funds under management and half-year profits of £9.8m, down from £11.2m last time. Dugald Eadie, who took over as group managing director a year ago, insisted that "the tide has turned" and that institutions were considering Henderson as a manager. In 1990 pension funds made up £5.3hn of Henderson's £8.3hn funds under management, compared to just £3bn out of £13.6bn today. Henderson has maintained profitability by boosting other areas of husiness including its successful US joint venture Seligman Henderson, where funds doubled to £1.29bn. The half-year dividend was held at 13.5p.

New German move on Wall Street

The New York brokerage firm, Oppenheimer & Co, is believed to be close to being acquired by Bayerische Vereinsbank, Germany's fourth-largest commercial hank. If concluded, the deal is likely to carry a cash price tag of \$400m to \$500m. The German hank would acquire Oppenheimer's brokerage operations and its one-third interest in Oppenheimer Capital, a money

OECD lowers growth forecasts

The OECD said it was lowering growth forecasts for its 25 member countries this year from 2.7 per cent to 2.25 per cent. But it said growth was likely to recover in 1996 and beyond. Other bodies such as the IMF have already revised down their growth estimates for most industrial countries.

Bank unveils gilts repo code

The Bank of England yesterday published final versions of its documents for the gilts repo market opening on 2 January. They include a legal agreement for repos and a code of best practice Ian Plenderleith, executive director for monetary operations at the Bank, said: "It is vital that the market should be safe and orderly... Firms now need to plan carefully their strategies and ensure that they have proper systems and controls in place."

Maxwell 'hopes of secret rescue'

The identity of a would-be rescuer of the Maxwell group had to be kept secret hecause of sensitivity about an Arab-Israeli peace conference, the Maxwell trial jury heard yesterday. Kevin Maxwell described his hopes that a group of Abu Dhabi investors including the ruler would inject £400m into the crisis-hit group. Kevin, his brother Ian and former financial adviser Larry Tra-chtenberg deny conspiracy to defraud by misusing shares. Kevin denies a separate charge of conspiring with his father to defraud.

CBI warms to Labour's Budget thoughts

DONALD MACINTYRE and PETER RODGERS

The CBI has told members in confidential bulletin that abour's developing theme of creasing husiness investment is not out of line with our own

In a surprisingly warm as-sessment of Labour's Budget proposals, the confederation's lusiness Update reveals that Gordon Brown, the shadow hancellor, met Adair Turner, lirector general of the CBI, and Kate Barker, head of econom-

ies, last month "at his [Mr Brown's] request". The 3 November issue of the

hulletin says that "the meat" of Mr Brown's budget announce-ment - which he will amplify at a news conference today - is aimed at increasing investment and includes a "two-tier capital gains tax to encourage longer term holdings of assets". It adds that this is "an idea lifted from our budget proposals last year, though our own debates suggests that the details of tapering may prove problematic".

It also says that the shadow chancellor's proposals for an ex-pansion of Tessas and Peps to stimulate savings are also "welcome in principle, although again the details are not clear.

However, the CBI directorate sounds rather more cautious on Labour's plans to ease the hurden of VAT on small husiness so that they can hire more employees. The bulletin warns that it means "businesses which are too large to benefit have to compete on unequal terms". It adds: "But overall the

not out of line with some of our own thinking." In a separate interview ahead

of the CBI annual conference next week. Mr Turner confirmed the CBI view that Labour has moved closer to industry's thinking on a number of key issues, including macroeconomic policy, although the employers' organisation still objects strongly to the proposed minimum wage and Labour's espousal of the European Social Chapter, from which the Government has opt-ed out. But Mr Turner also siderable distrust among in-dustrialists about whether Labour can deliver on its more

industry-friendly policies. He said: "What our conser-vative members may well say is that the Labour Party's words don't sound bad, but can you trust them? That is still a legitimate question of course not in the personal sense - but if they were in government, how would they react to stress? Would they stick to what they say? That is a legitimate question for peo-

Birmingham, Tony Blair, the same day as Michael Heseltine. the deputy prime minister.

Mr Turner acknowledged that the CBI is in a sensitive position because anything n says about the political parties can be read as taking sides: "I don't think we have any choice but to state the facts of where we stand and nur prinrities, and then comment on the policies of the Government and the Labour opposition as they line up against our priorities.

Moves to

end row

over City

panel

The Corporation of London is to

meet a top Treasury official in an effort to defuse a row seen as damaging the City's efforts to promote its image. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation's influential policy committee, will hold talks with Angela Knight, economic secre-tary to the Treasury, on 21 Nove-

mber, about changes to a Trea-

sury panel instituted to promote

The public row, which has

provoked anger inside the Trea-

sury, is causing embarrassment to a number of the City's "great

and good", brought onto what

is known as the Chancellor's

The 20-man panel is domi-

promotion panel.

Britain's financial capital.

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Power play: The £14bn takeover bid frenzy over the electricity companies shifts to Wales

Welsh Water throws hat in the ring for Swalec

he £14bn hid frenzy in the lectricity sector was thrust ack into the limelight yesteray with a statement by Welsh Vater that it may hid for South Vales Electricity. The move omes five years after the waer company first swooped on is neighbour, taking its stake to 5 per cent hefore ultimately elling out. In a terse stalement made on

he request of the Takeover Pan-I, the water group said: "The oard of Welsh Water has been xamining the case for making takeover offer for South Vales Electricity." The comumstances" it envisaged any ffer being around yesterday's nid-morning price of £10.20 per hare, which would value walec at almost £1bp. The latement made clear that at at price it would include the alue of Swalce's stake in the lational Grid Company, which is due to be floated on the stock market next month.

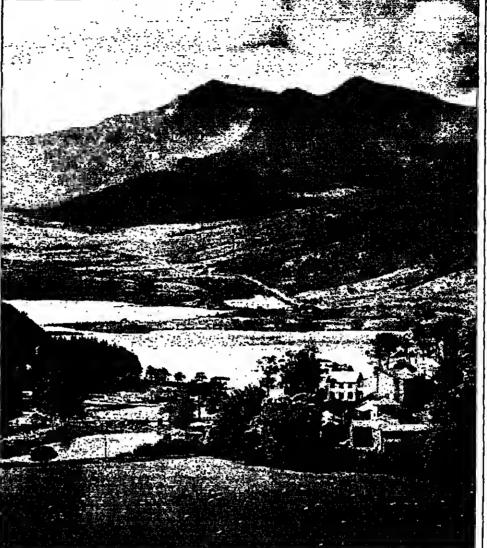
Shares in Swales soared by 70p to £10.58, adding to the strong gains earlier in the week. The company, which is advised by NM Rothschild, said: "Pending clarification of Welsh Water's possible comment to make and advises shareholders to take no action."

takeover much longer than anyone else has been. It is encouraging that others, albeit somewhat later, are coming to the same conclusions." But one City analyst said Welsh would have to pay more like £11 a share to win the electricity firm and said he did not really expect a hid to materialise.

"I do not see Welsh Water winning this. They are smaller than Swalec and even at £10.20 they would be financially stretched - I cannot see shareholders being happy with this," he added.

Welsh Water's renewed interest follows government clearance at the end of last week for North West Water's £1.8hn takeover of Norweh. On Tuesday, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, also gave the green light to a potential bid for Northumbrian Water by Lyonnaise des Eaux of France.

The relationship between the two Welsh firms has never recovered from Welsh Water's surprise raid on Swalec in December 1990 - immediate-ly after the electricity firm was privatised - when it scooped up about 9 per cent of the shares. Swalec resisted any intentions. Swalec has no further overtures from the water company hut the stake was increased to almost 15 per cent



Source of speculation: Welsh Water has stirred takeover rumours concerning Swalec

held on to the shares until December 1992, selling at a substantial profit.

dustry has been rapidly redrawn. But the widespread view is that there is still little love lost between the two companies.

Some analysts argue that

in June 1991 and Welsh Water much of the potential cost sayings hetween the water and electricity operations could be achieved by co-operation with-There have since been senior out the risks of a merger. So far, management changes at holh Welsh Water and Swalce have ment on customer billing systems with South Western Electricity, now owned by

> al of the US. Takeover lever was further fu-

elled by rumours of fresh interest from Houston Industries, which was earlier thwarted in attempts to buy Norweb.

There was speculation Houston might be out for a hid balgroups and, in recent months, no collaborations. Swalec has the map of the electricity inentered into a joint developCorporation of the US, its former partner in the Norweb bid. which has mounted a takeover of Sechoard. CSW is expected Southern Electric Internation- to announce today it already owns 27 per cent of Seeboard.

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nated by heads of hig banks, investment banks and insuranced companies, such as Lord Alexander of NatWest Group. Win Bischoff of Schroders, Peter Davies of Prudential and Alastair Ross Goobey of Hermes Investment Management. the fund manager.

The Corporation, one of the most active bodies in promoting the City's financial reputation, has written to Mrs Knight proposing that the panel be widened to include a more representative selection of City in-

stitutions and husinesses. Mr Cassidy said: "There is widespread concern in a number of influential City quarters about the way this initiative has

been set up. "We all want it to galvanise the City, and for it to be led by the Treasury, but loo many feel

left out of the process."

Mr Cassidy cited the Stock
Exchange, Lloyd's of London, the Metal Exchange and Liffe, the futures exchange, as bodies that need to be represented. "If we exclude any major market. the whole thing will founder over time and people will rubbish its work," he said. He has sent the Treasury a list of other representatives who wish to

be included in the initiative. The public undermining of what has been a carefully prepared, high-profile panel to bol-ster the City's standing here and abroad, has caused considerable irritation in the Treasury. The panel has been a year in the

Glaxo plans to triple research spending

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Glaxo Wellcome, the drugs giant, told the City yesterday that it planned to triple the productivity of its research and development operation. In une of the first hig strategy announcements since its £6.3bn takeover of Wellcome in March the group said it would hring three new medicines to market every year from now until 2000. The move is part of the new management announced the competitive pressures sur- results of an important review

industry, underlined yesterday by reported comments from Jan Leschly, chief executive of rivals SmithKline Beecham. that he expects "double-digit" profit growth from the launch

of new products in the future. At the briefing to City followers of the company at its new £700m medicines research centre at Stevenage in Hertfordshire, Glazo Wellcome's senior

rounding the pharmaceuticals of the drugs pipeline and a ratio-panies before they combined. duced to four in the new, much nalisation of the management Areas of concentration in structure in the wake of the Wellcome takeover.

Total research and development expenditure of £1.2bn in 1996 will be little changed from the figure spent by the comhined companies in the last reported financial period. But the research portfolio has been hoiled down to 50 hig research and 93 development projects. compared with 150 research projects alone at the two com- ers of management had been re-

sciences, anti-virals, cardiovascular disease and cancer, while development will lean towards respiratory ailments, anti-viral infections, diseases affecting the central nervous system.

oncology and emesis and curdiovascular and critical care. James Niedel, director of research and development, said that between six and eight lay-

flatter structure introduced in his research will be the neuro- area of responsibility. At the same time, management had been made more global with research centres in eight countries from the US to Japan being

brought under one team instead. Glaxo Wellcome's new-found productivity in R&D stems in part from the \$530m purchase earlier this year of Affymax, a Californian biotechnology company that replaces chemists in the search for new drugs.

making, and there was wide consultation, including with the Corporation, on objectives, structures and membership.

Economy: Bank of England raises expectations of lower interest rates despite its uncertainty over the outlook for earnings

Bank less gloomy on inflation Pay settlements seen

PAUL WALLACE Economics Editor

The Bank of England has become more optimistic about the outlook for inflation, but is warning the Government

against a givenway Budget.

Since its last inflation report
in August, the Bank has shaded down its central projection of inflation in two years' time, although it still thinks it will narrowly exceed the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less. However, the Bank now accepts that "there is now a some-

inflation will be below 2.5 per cent in two years' time". The Bank's chief economist, Mervyn King, said: "We will be Gladstonian in looking at the numbers" in the Budget. How-ever, he also said the PSBR's failure to shrink so far this year

what greater chance that

could simply mean "we have started more slowly on the road of fiscal consolidation. The gilts market reacted favourably, with the December contract rising over half a point. The short sterling contract also rose, indicating expectations of

an easing in monetary policy.

Some City analysts saw yes- and output, the puzzle of low terday's Inflation Report as a clear sign the Bank had softened haviour of broad money. its line. lan Shepherdson, UK econ-

omist at HSBC Markets, said "Mr Clarke will be pleased with this report. If his Budget is neutral or tight, then the door will be open for lower rates in the New Year - possibly even hefore Christmas."

The report was published on the same day the CBI revealed that manufacturing production had fallen in the past four months in Scotland and the North-west. Nationally, manufacturing output was rising at its lowest rate for two years.

Mervyn King said that "the probability of hitting the inflation target has clearly risen since the August report". This contrasted with the po-

sition earlier in the year, when the risks were "on the upside". meaning it was more likely in-flation would come in above 2.5 per cent than it was that it would come in below. The Bank identified three

principal uncertainties about

the inflation outlook. These

creased, especially in the short In particular, stocks had been built up further in the second quarter, increasing the risk of

a temporary destocking cycle and accounting in part for the recent weakness of manufacturing autput.

The Bank warned that the

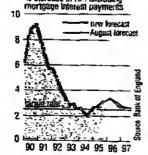
downside risks to output had in-

However, on balance the Bank expected some modest pick-up in domestic demand, which would essentially be sustained by a revival of consumer This torecast for consump-

don, which did not take into account any tax cuts in the Budget, was based mainly on the fact the impact of previous tax increases was drawing to an end. Consumption was therefore likely to return to growth at around its trend rate over the next year or so.

The principal danger in the labour market was that the low growth of earnings reflected an the inflation outlook. These unsustainably low drift in wage were the prospects for demand rates rather than lower pay sel-

Bank's colletion projection % increase in RPI excluding mortgage interest payments



ilements. The gap between average carnings growth and set-tlements had virtually disappeared, but could rebound quickly with faster increases in bonuses or a period of stability in part-time work or overtime.
The Bank believed that the

rate of growth of broad money - which had run at just over 8 per cent in the year to Sep-tember - should turn down. If sustained, however, it would foreshadow a pick-up in nominal demand that would

eventually lend to higher Econumic view, page 27

as key to prospects

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

The outlook for wages is one of the biggest uncertainties about inflation prospects highlighted in the Bank of England report. The reason for the uncertainty is that growth in under-

lying average earnings has been unexpectedly low this year even though basic pay settle-ments have been edging up and unemployment has fallen further faster than in previous recoveries. Annual earnings growth has fallen to 3.25 per

cent, and nobody is sure why. The Bank puls forward two diametrically opposed explanations for the surprisingly good behaviour of wages so far. The pessimistic view is that the reaction to the big fall in un-employment and creation of extra jobs has been delayed, and is about to take place. There has been an unusual absence of "wage drift" - increases in carnings above hasic settlements such as bonuses and overtime pay. The shift towards would also tend to reduce mea-

sured average earnings.

Wage drift has always tended to rebound quickly in the past. It might do so soon. In ad-dition, skills shortages tend to emerge a long way into a re-covery, so this could be on the

horizon again now. Pay settlements have already picked up to about 3.5 per cent from 3 per cent at the start of the year. The current Ford and Vauxhall negotiations and the cluster of settlements in January will be crucial.

The optimistic explanation is that there is far more slack in the labour market than conventional measures suggests Deregulation and flexibility mean that the level of unemployment below which inflationary pressures emerge is much lower than it was in the 1980s. If this is true, unemployment can safely fail much further and a slight upward move in pay settlements has no troubling implications for the inflation outlook.

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Shareholders should nip Welsh bid in the bud

bought a stake in Swalec, the principality's electricity company. The idea was ill conceived as a business strategy, and terribly limed, since it was shortly after privatisation, when any hid for a Rec would have been

kicked into touch by the government. Swalec beat off Welsh Water's unwelcome attentions, and since then relations between the two have been strained, to say the least. This autumn, Swalec announced plans to hand back cash to shareholders clearly designed - despite denials all round - to preempt another move by Welsh Water.

No prizes for guessing what has made Jain Evans, chairman of Welsh Water, decide to try again. It must, of course, be the example of Sir Desmond Pitcher of North West Water, just over the border, who has successfully carried off Norweh to create the first multi-utility company in Britain. Mr Evans will no doubt be making the same claims about efficiency gains, joint services and the rest of it, to justify putting together two completely unsuitable busines

Welsh Water may have invented the idea, hut North West first pushed the concept through. There have been changes on both the Swalec and Welsh Water boards since the original confrontation, and it is not a forcgone conclusion that an agreed deal will be rejected out of hand. Nevertheless, the prospects for Mr Evans' plans do not look good, especially since he has been forced

ing to give a target company time to marshall its defences.

Swalec is not the top performing Rec, and has a complicated and hilly distribution area that hrings extra costs and difficulties. But value for money in a hid is probably not the determining factor in pricing a Rec now, since the fewer there are left the more their scarcity value rises. The price ticket for even beginning discussions on an agreed deal must be near 1270p a share, to match Central and South West's bid for Seeboard, but there are no signs yet of Weish Water contemplating anything like that amount.

Once a management begins to focus not on husiness logic and earnings per share but on corporate aggrandisement - as in the North West takeover of Norweh - anything can happen and unfortunately often does. Empire huilding appears to be an infectious disease. Shareholders should nip this one in the bud before it is too late.

Independents still have a role

Rothschild is clearly feeling the heat. The very fact that the merchant bank felt ohliged to put out a statement swearing unshakeable allegiance to the cause of independence is as revealing as the message itself. It is reacting to a climate of unquenchable

They laughed in the valleys and in the City into an early disclosure by the Takeover expectation in the market that, following the panel. There is nothing like a hit of warn spate of investment banking mergers earlier this year, the rest of the City's independent houses will tumble like ninepins. The effervescence of Schroder's share price is evidence that the market is not be moved by repeated protestations of independence.

There is little doubt that there are persistent suitors out there. Both ABN Amro and NatWest Group have successful securities operations, but are determined to make good weaknesses in corporate finance and asset management. In particular. NatWest, which has positively trumpeted its ambitions substantially to reinforce its investment banking activities both in London and New York, is viewed in the City as having woefully botched the chance of a strategic leap when it lost out on SG War-

burg to SBC.
With Warburg and Kleinwort Benson gone, as well as Smith New Court, there are ever fewer takeover targets in the City. Schroders, Flemings, Rothschilds and Lazards are the only real options, given Hambros' unusual mix of businesses which would scarcely satisfy anyone looking for a classic merchant bank. But is the market correct in its seeming conviction that further consolidation is inevitable? Certainly, there is a case for arguing that, if there is a time for the families at Schroders or Flemings to eash in, then it is now at the top of the market

But whatever the force of the argument

glomerates, with massive balance sheets, it is not a universal one. The investment hanking market is as diverse as any other. offering ample opportunities alongside the integrated behamoths for the fleet-footed, flexible and focused.

There are corporate clients who still value "pure" advice, unhurdened by product and trading concerns. Schroders' recent winning of the German Postbank mandate against American competition proves that big does not always win. There may still be a place for independents, but their numbers will eventually be even smaller than now.

A different note from the Bank

The Bank of England sounds a very dif-ferent note in its latest Inflation Report from the warnings in the previous two documents. Three months ago, the Bank said that delay in taking action could ultimately result in interest rates having to go higher than would otherwise be the case. Now, with interest rates on hold at their present level at 6.75 per cent for the best part of a year, the Bank counsels a "wait and see" approach.

This is hardly surprising, given the fact that its central projection of underlying inflation in two years' time is now only fractionally above the Government's objective of 2.5 per cent or less. The Bank also says that the

for integrated investment banking con- chances of meeting that target have improved and that it is more likely that inflation could come in below 2.5 per cent. All this, however, is predicated on the assumption of unchanged fiscal policy - and there's the rub.

For the political smoke signals suggest that Kenneth Clarke will spring more of a surprise in his Budget in the way of tax cuts than is commonly recognised. While the Chancellor will no doubt pledge compensating spending cuts, past experience suggests that it will be difficult to sustain them in the runup to an election. In which case, the Bank should be preparing to cry foul and demand an offsetting tightening in monetary policy.

Yet in reality, the debate in their monthly monetary meetings is much more likely in the not too distant future to centre on demands from the Chancellor for a further cut in interest rates. With manufacturing declining in September and a flat housing market, he has an increasingly strong hand to play. As the Bank conceded, the risk of a setback to output through destocking has increased since the last report in August.

The Bank is at pains to emphasise that in previous recoveries output has declined in at least one quarter. Indeed, it points out how "remarkably smooth" the pattern of output growth has been in the present upswing. But if an inventory correction does bring about a temporary fall in GDP. the Bank will find it difficult to resist pressure from the Chancellor for a cut in

Rank names outsider as chief executive

JOHN SHEPHERD

Leisure analysts were yesterday surprised by the announcement that Andrew Teare, head of English China Clays, would succeed Michael Gifford as chief executive of Rank Organisation, the UK's largest leisure group.

"People were expecting a block-husting name. Andrew Teare comes, shall we say, from a different stable," one analyst

Mr Teare will assume control at Rank in the spring, soon af-ter Mr Gifford's 60th hirthday. It is understood he will be on a similar remuneration package to Mr Gifford, who carned a basic £330,000 last year.

Many analysts had believed that either an internal candidate would win through, or that Rank would choose an established name from the industry.



No paragon: Andrew Teare to take over the helm

likely successor had strongly featured the name of John Conlan of First Leisure.

Mr Gifford said yesterday, however, that people had misunderstood the selection

"We need an expert in the film industry, someone with a thorough understanding of theme parks, an understanding of the mass entertainments

husiness, and someone with

knowledge of office equipment.
Where do I find this paragon of experience? You don't -- you find someone else. There is no point in appointing an expert in hingo, because we already have the expert. It is much easier to understand what the businesses are about, rather than have someone with a

narrow view."
Mr Teare, 53, is credited with thoroughly reshaping ECC since he became chief executive of the kaolin and paper chen icals group five years ago. He was previously managing director of Rugby Group for six years until 1990, having spent spells at Turner & Newall and Cement Roadstone. Investors in ECC took a dim

view of his departure, and the company's shares yesterday fell 16p to 334p while Rank's rose

7p to 427p. Analysts said Mr Gifford's act would be a tough one to follow, given his own thorough re-shaping of Rank since he assumed the chief executive's

Rothschild wants to keep it in the family

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

The Rothschild family has reasserted its determination to retain control of the investment bank bearing its name in an unusual hid to quash market speculation of a sell-out. Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, the bank's chairman, said the family intends to remain in control of the holding company for the invest-ment bank and remains committed to its independence.

The famous banking dynasty holds 75 per cent of Rothschild Continuation Holdings, the parent company. Speculation has focused on Nat West Group, which is known to be looking for a partner to build up its corporate finance and asset management activities. Lord Alexander, NatWest's

chairman, is understood to have made acquisition approaches to NM Rothschild, and there have also been informal discussions with Schroders and Flemings. All are understood to have emphasised their respective controlling families' determination

to remain independent. It is helieved that Rothschild's decision to issue a publie reaffirmation of independent strategy was primarily aimed at reassuring corporate clients and its own

overseas staff. But sources at the bank also suggested that the persistent market speculation linking the Rothschild name to NatWest has been prompted in part by unhappiness in some quarters of the bank, notably corporate finance, at what is seen to be a lack of direction.

SFO backs down on Anderson bail

DAVID HELLIER

The Serious Fraud Office yesterday backed down in its attempt to block hail for Donald Anderson, the former finance director of the Brent Walker subisidary Golderest who returned to the country after an absence of almost three years to face police charges.

Mr Anderson's solicitor, Michael Coleman of Harkavys. who successfully represented George Walker in his trial, appeared for his client vesterday and was awarded costs by Judge Levy. Mr Anderson will stay in custody until the formalities of his bail are sorted out

Mr Anderson returned to the country earlier this week to give himself up voluntarily to the SFO, which has charged him on eight counts involving a total of £31.8m. Mr Coleman said that he had returned to the country to face charges because he wanted to get the whole thing

over and done with". On Tuesday Mr Anderson volunteered several conditions for his bail, including sureties of £150,000, the surrender of his passport and an offer to report

to the police twice a day. The SFO said yesterday it would stick with the conditions, which are relatively

BAT INDUSTRIES

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- The Group as a whole has continued to make impressive progress and, while the first nine months may have shown exceptional growth, we remain on track for a substantial increase on last year's pre-tax profit."

Sir Patrick Sheehy, Chairman

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Vosper steering steady profits course

Vosper Thornycroft: at a glance

UK since the demise of Swan Hunter. industy. Management has proved much more adept at making money given Vosper's strength. from long-term fixed-price contracts. Profits have risen steadily as a result, locking in healthy gains for investors who bought the shares at 160p when the group was privatised in 1988. Despite the fall in half-year turnover

announced yesterday, current vol-umes of work are similar to last year. It is only because of Vosper's conservansm in booking profits towards the end of a contract's life that it was able to lift profits by 11 per cent to £11.4m in the six months to September as ships for Saudi Arabia. Qatar and Oman come well on the way to completion.

But as Lord Wakeham, the former Conservative energy minister who now chairs the company, suggests, a company in Vosper's position also needs to maintain a strong order book with the Royal Navy to remain in contention as a serious shipbuilder. That is why the imminent decision on the follow-on order for three Type 23 frigates for the Navy, worth perhaps around £400m, could be crucial.

Vosper's order book has already fallen from over £600m last year to £450m. Although work does not run out completely until 2001, Vosper needs new contracts to keep the yard fully occupied over the next few years.

Management is in discussions with the Saudis to supply a further three minehunters, plus support vessels, following an initial deal to supply three under the Al Yamama 2 arrangement with British Aerospace. That could be worth several hundred million pounds and is the most attractive potential overseas contract from a number of current possibilities. These include tenders outstanding for offshore support vessels for Brunei and missile ships for Kuwait and a frigate order expected to come from the United Arab Emirates in 1997.

Any of those would be enough! to secure Vosper's future, but the Type 23 deal would re-establish the company's credentials in the large warship market and help maintain work on steel-hulled vessels at Southampton. Vosper is confident it can beat off the ehallenge from GEC's Yarrow yard on the Clyde, builder of the first batch of Type 23s. Failure could cost 500 jobs. but would not be disastrous for the eompany, which anyway should see 40

Vosper Thornycroft, now one of only two warship building yards left in the traditional work within two years. Nat West Securitles' forecast of profhas fared significantly better than its its of £27.5m this year would put the land-based peers in the construction shares at 865p, up 5p, on a prospective

The components

Electrocomponents may not be a glamorous business, but it has been one of the most reliable performers on the market in recent years

for success

Since 1990 its shares have more than trebled and are up by more than 30 per cent this year alone. It has also increased its dividend every year for the past 28 years.

The company bas secured a profitable and secure niehe, delivering electrical parts to industrial customers who want fast, efficient service and are prepared to pay a premium for it.

Any order placed by 8pm one day will be delivered to the customer by the following morning. The company's technical help lines take 2,000 calls a day and new trade counters are being full-year profits of £98m.

Cash in the balance sheet

Trading record

opened so that customers can pick up orders if they prefer.

As well as ensuring fat margins, that level of efficiency requires expensive logistics and warehousing systems which creet high barriers to entry. Electrocomponents and its main competitor. Farnell Electronics, have between them tied up 80 of the UK market.

Electrocomponents is now following its rival in taking the concept of rapid overnight delivery overseas, where this kind of service is a relatively novel idea.

The results speak for themselves. Pre-tax profits in the six months to September were up by 18 per cent to £42m. Sales were up a similar amount 10

Far from being a mature market, the UK division is going like a train. Sales at RS Components increased by 16 per cent and the company now has 170,000 British customers.

Net cash stands at £50m despite a prodigious investment programme. The group is spending £40m on a new warehouse in Nuneaton. It is also buying in its overseas distributors and has added Spain and Singapore in the past two months.

Credit Lyonnais Laing is forecasting

Share price

With the shares down 3p at 325p yes-terday, that would put the shares on a lofty forward rating of 21, a hefty premium to

Electrocomponents is a quality com-pany as the record shows, but at the cur-rent level the shares are high enough.

Smokers set BAT profits alight

Investors who believe tobacco is a dying business should think again in the light of the latest quarterly results from BAT Industries. Operating profits from tobacco soared by £100m to £388m in the three months to 30 September, lifting the nine-month total from the weed from £761m to £1.05bn

The company's daily sales, topped up by last year's purchase of American Brands' US business, American Tobacco, exceed 1.8 billion cigarettes. While smoking may be on the decrease in more developed nations, there are more than enough markets opening up to keep BAT busy for years.

Even the bealth-conscious US is yielding better returns. Recent price rises are the first for two years and there are signs that hostilities in the discounting war are beginning to wane. For investors in BAT this will come as welcome news, with the company's giant financial services arm encompassing Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar and Farmers - now finding the going slightly tougher.

Third-quarter operating profits from financial services rose from £213m to £249m, increasing the nine-month total from £620m to £730m. Allied Dunbar is struggling harder than most in BAT's camp, mainly because of the tough conditions in the pensions and life businesses. The Eagle Star general insurance side is bouncing back, reclaiming ground lost to Direct Line. The company bas more than 500,000 policyholders through its own direct insurance operation.

More financial services acquisitions look likely. BAT has hardly kept it a secret that it would like to buy a building society, and there are still plenty to choose from. The possible acquisition of Gartmore, the fund management business, is looking increasingly unlikely.

After a 22 per cent rise to £1.81bn in the nine months, full-year group profits are set to hit £2.34bn. With a prospective yield of 5.5 per cent, the forward multi-ple of under 12 still makes BAT look cheap, even following yesterday's 14p rise in the shares to 547p.

News Corp hurt by Star-TV costs

were down marginally, de-pressed by lower profits in

filmed entertainment and book

publishing. The newspaper di-vision, grouped under the News

International subsidiary, per-formed ahead of last year, de-

spite sharply higher prices for newsprint. Circulation gains, as well as higher revenues from

advertising, helped push oper-ating income from newspapers

Cover price increases since last year had "little to no effect"

on circulation, the company

said. Circulation at the Sun re-

mained at the 4 million-plus

mark and at the Times at just

BSkvB, 40 per cent owned by

to \$80m from \$77m.

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Higher costs at the Asian satellite broadcaster Star-TV and lower earnings from US films depressed first-quarter results at News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

Net income after tax but before extraordinary items to-tailed \$210m (£135m), down from \$222m last time. Revenues rose 5 per cent to \$2.2bn.
Fox Television, the company's

US network of stations, shone against the generally weaker trend, managing a 30 per cent rise in operating profits, fuelled The TV performance helped offset lower profits from the US filmed entertainment division.

counting for nearly 70 per cent of company-wide revenues, saw operating income climb yearon-year from \$208m to \$221m. In the UK, where the company publishes five national

newspaper titles, including the

Sun and the Times, earnings

News Corp, put in a stellar performance. The satellite and caele broadcaster, which unveiled which includes Twentieth Cenhealthy quarterly earnings on Tuesday, has 4.38 million subtury Fox, the Hollywood studio. Overall, US operations, aescribers. Analysts expect the company to grow even faster if negotiations for rights to Rugby Union's Five Nations Cup and other European matches

end in an exclusive deal. News Corp's operating income in Australia and Asia



Rupert Murdoch: Sky's the limit for BSkyB

was down sharply to just \$127 in the quarter, compared with \$29m last time, due in part to higher development costs at Star-TV, where new channels are planned. A new cable service in Australia, Foxtel, was launched on 23 October.

Lower earnings from Ansett. the airline and hotels group in which News holds 50 per cent interest, also dampened profits in the Far East. The company blamed industry overcapacity and competitive pricing.

Nynex CableComms to stick to discount pricing

MATHEW HORSMAN

Nynex CableComms, the country's second-largest cable operator, will stick to its discount pricing for telephone services, its chief executive, Engene Connell, said vesterday. Following cuts in tariffs introduced by BT in the summer, Nynex bas offered a 25 per cent discount to BT's published prices for residennal domestie and international calls since last month.

II had already been offering limited discounts prior to the cuts in October, as part of a strategy to increase penetration.

Mr Connell made the announcement as he unveiled results for the nine months to 30

Electricity takeover: Manweb exodus seen as bonus as group looks to expand on back of profits growth

combined cable television and telephony services doubled to £57m in the nine months to 30 September, Losses continued to mount, however, as the company built out its network. From £51m in the comparable period last year, operating losses rose to just over £78m.

The company bas franchises covering 2.69 million homes, in the North of England, London and on the south coast, accounting for about 17 per eent

of UK franchised bomes. Average revenues per telephone customer have dropped as a result of aggressive pricing, but revenues overall from tele-

phony have risen sharply. More-

September. Revenues from over, revenues per cable customer were up 8 per cent like-for-like. "This is a reflection of our strategy to increase penetration by pricing competitively," Mr Connell said. Nynex has also cut interconnection charges through increased use of its own switching equipment and has cut administrative and sales costs by

21 per cent. By the end of the period. Nynex's network had passed a total of more than one million homes, up from 673 million at the end of 1994, It added 18,000 customers in the third quarter. for a total of 42,000 so far i 1995. Shares rose by 1p to 130p, still below the company's

issue price of 137p in May.

	COMPA	HY RESUL	S	
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Electrocomponents (f)	257m(217m)	41 9m (85 5m)	6.6р (5 бр)	2.0(1.62)
Ex-Lands (F)	15 4 <u>m (</u> 5.2m)	1.03m (1.28m)	0.91p (0.98p)	0 5p (0 42)
Hambre Insurance(I)	• _	3.03m (3.05m)	2.75p (2.94p)	1.85p (1.85p)
Henderson Admin (1)	32.8m (34.8m)	9.77m (11.2m)	30 бр (36.4р)	13 5p (13.5p)
Lowland Invest (F)		3.35m (3.0m)	11 27p (9.92p)	6 Sp (6p)
Parkkend Group (I)	26.Dm(24.5m)	1 37m (0.95m)	13.7p 10.2p)	2 2p (2 Op)
Flagian Properties (I)	15.7m (11.7m)	4.18m (3.06m)	2.34p (2.71p)	rii (mi)
Scottish Power (I)	776m (733m)	127m (123m)	11.4р (11.0р)	5.17 (4.55)
Vasper Tharneycraft (I)	114m (129m)	11 4m (10.3m)	23.9p (21.6p)	d8 (61)
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Scottish Power plans

to spread net wider

Industrial Correspondent

About 850 Manweb employees left the company in the run-up to the £1.1bn takeover last month by Scottish Power. lan Robinson, chief executive of the Scottisb group, said he viewed the exodus, part of Manweh's "scorebed earth" defence policy as a "surprise" and "bonus".

Mr Robinson said that about 30 more people have left Manweb in the few weeks since the Scottish group moved in but that he has no feeling yel for bow many more might go. Scottisb Power plans to wait until January before making a statement on the integration of the firm into the enlarged group, and on bow the Manweb business will be moved forward.

Mr Robinson also said that Scottish Power would cut 350

jobs in its own core operations 80 business customers for its over the next 12 months as a re- fledgling communications arm tion to 140 people who left in the first half of the year. In the six months to 30 Scp-

Icmber, Scottish Power made a pre-tax profit of £128m, up 3.9 per cent over the same period last year. Earnings per sbare rose by 3.8 per cent to 11.4p and the interim dividend increased by 13.6 per cent to 5.17 per share. The company confirmed earlier projections of a full-year dividend of 15.5p.
Scottish Power will continue

its drive outside its core electricity operations in areas that include gas, retail and tele-communications. It plans to launch a full public telephone service in Scotland next year. undercutting BT prices for domestic customers by up to 15 per cent. Scottish Power already has bre-optic network in the region. Mr Robinson is aiming for a 15 per share of the Scottish markel within eight or nine years.

The retail operation dou-bled its profit to £4m in the first half on turnover up by 29 per cent. Mr Robinson said that the group continues to look for retail expansion opportunities north and south of the border and envisages adding up to 40 stores over the next five years to its national network of 159.

Scottish Power is pursuing the gas retailing business, with 6,000 customer sites in England, Scotland and Wales. It plans to offer domestie gas supplies in Scotland when the market is fully opened in 1998, but will not take part in next year's pilot in the south-west of England.



Powering ahead: Scottish Power's chief executive, Ian Robinson (right), and its finance director, lan Russell, who are looking to expand services Photograph: Geraint Lewis

Eurocopy sends suitors away

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end of Scptember.

Eurocopy, the photocopier group that announced it was in bid talks in August, called off all discussions with potential bidders yesterday.

The company said it bad not proved possible to reach a deal that was satisfactory to the ehairman, Cyril Gay, and his family, who still control more than 50 per cent of the shares. Eurocopy's shares fell 6p to 77p on the news.

The company said it now intends to return to its policy of growth by acquisition in the rapidly polarising market. It Corp of the US and Ricoh, the

Hambro Insurance Services, the

financial group owned by Ham-

bros Bank, moved to reassure

markets that better second-half

results are expected next year, as

it reported a dip in profits to £3.03m in the six months to the

Nicholas Page, managing di-

rector at Hambro Insurance Services, claimed a boost would

come from loss adjustment

work in the wake of hurricane

elaims and subsidence after

this summer's hot weather.

Mr Gay, who is chairman and ehief executive, will now devote his time to strategy and business development.

Mike McCarney has been appointed managing director from 1 December and will be responsible for day to day operations for the company. Mr McCarney joined Eurocopy five years ago from FKI, the engi-

neering company.
When Eurocopy announced it was in preliminary discussions that could lead to an offer, the

His comments followed a

fall in profits from £3,05m in the

same period last year. Turnover also dropped from £43.4m in the half-year to September 1994 to

Hambro Legal Protection. which offers legal expenses cover and telephone helplines

to other insurers, saw its

turnover rise to £11.1m from

£10.2m in the same period last year. But profits dropped 5 per cent to £2.5m.

Christopher Sporborg, chair-

man of Hambro Insurance,

said: "The slight fall in profits

£41.2m this year.

will also expand its sales force. Japanese group. The announcement then flushed out several other bidders. But as talks dragged on,

sharebolders expressed doubts they would lead to a bid. The negoriations became even more protracted when Eurocopy changed its advisers half way

Matthew Burton, finance director, said yesterday that in the interest of other shareholders Mr Gay would listen to anyone who wanted to talk about an offer for the company, though the family's majority stake rules out a hostile bid.

is attributable to changes in the timing of scheme renewals and,

therefore, of income recogni-

tion." The starting-up costs in-

volved in taking on new busi-

iness were also responsible for the profits decline, he added.

creased numbers of medium-

sized insurers will want to offer telephone-based helplines. Oth-

er than a minority of large companies, most will not want to carry out the job in-house, po-

tentially boosting Hambro's

Beale Dobie, the endowment

Hambro expects that in-

market has been subject to a wave of takeover activity in recent months. Also Standard and Danka Businesses Systems. also of the US, have been expanding quickly in the UK. In April, Alco beat Danka for

quired Copymore for £23.5m groups, such as Cardinal Busiut a hostile bid.

Eurocopy is the last indebeen expanding.

policies market-maker also

owned by Hambro Insurance, reported a marginal rise in

profits from £736,000 to £743,000. The increase came de-

spite a large drop in turnover from £15m to £11m.

Dobie's turnover had been

eaused by the fulfilment of its

contract to find suitable policies

for a BZW endowment fund.

company's loss adjustment arm,

The Cuningham Group, the

Mr Page said the fall in Beale

Hambro Insurance stays confident despite dip

pendent quoted office equip-ment company in the UK. The

control of Southern Business Group for £81m. In July it ac-Ricoh paid £179m for Gestetner in the same month. Other nesses Group, formerly known as Berkeley Business Systems,

Raglan improves to £4.2m

footed by the mild early autumn weather.

BAe aircraft end losing streak

Raglan Properties has increased pre-tax profits from £3m to £4.2m in the six months to September The company has cash balances of £13.5m and is still looking to acquire industrial and retail property. The board intends to recommend a 1p per share dividend for the full year, the same as last year.

INBRIEF

Thorntons, the chocolate manufacturer and retailer, issued a prof-

its warning yesterday, blaming the warm summer for melting sales.

The company said full-year profits would probably be below last year's £10.5m. Thorntons shares fell 7p to 136p on the news, just

9p above the issue price when the company was floated in 1988. John Thornton, chief executive, said the company had hoped to

recover the summer shortfall during October but had been wrong-

British Aerospace's loss-making aircraft operations are "heading for profit", according to Dick Evans, chief executive. The jet

production business should break even soon, though the turbo-prop aircraft businesses will take longer. BAE's commercial air-craft arm reported losses of £59m in the six months to September.

Thorntons warms on melting profits

Minton to retire at Laporte

Ken Minton is to retire as chairman of Laporte, the chemicals group. Mr Minton, 59, was chief executive until September when Jim Leng joined from Low & Bonar, the packaging group. George Duncan, deputy ebairman, will succeed Mr Minton.

Cullens treading water

Cullens Holdings, the convenience store group that abandoned a disastrous foray into fast food outlets last year, bas reported little progress in the first half. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September increased from £114,000 to £129,000. However opimproved turnover compared to september increased from £114,000 to £142,000. There is no with last year, despite a large fall

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business

Clarke holds key to pre-poll boom

The Bank of England is keep-ing its head when all around are losing theirs. As its chief economist, Mervyn King, said vesterday: "It is somewhat premature to claim the recovery has come to an end." He thinks it more likely economic growth will accelerate over the next two years, and the Bank is clearly sticking to its "wait and see"

policy on base rates for now. More and more City economists, on the other hand, believe the time is ripe for a cut in interest rates. With each new monthly statistic pointing to slower growth and falling confidence, some see Britain teeering on the brink of recession.

Who will turn out to be right? The Budget holds the key. Mr King said the Bank was concerned about the medium- to long-term stance of fiscal policy, and would not be able to assess this uotil 28 November. Certainly the fioancial markets' verdict on base rates will depend on how they view Kenneth Clarke's tax and speoding decisions. Tax increases this year played a big role in the slowdown. Tax cuts in the Budget might reverse it.

The Chancellor will uodoubtedly claim he is sticking to the fiscal straight and narrow. The big figures for tax revenues and expenditure will deliver an

Budget cuts that · last are those that cut social security

acceptable profile for the Gov-ernmeot's borrowing requirement, and Mr Clarke will renew his commitment to a balanced budget in the medium term.

In practice, however, the tax and speoding cuts Mr Clarke is reported to have planned several billioo pounds off taxes financed by lower expenditure, especially investment spending - will stimulate the economy. The evideoce for this is presented in a paper in the latest issue of the journal Economic Policy. Authors Alberto Alesina and Roberto Perotti assess fiscal policies to 20 OECD deht declined from 120 per countries since 1960 to see how cent to 107 per cent of GDP. different tax and spending combinations affect budget deficits. They investigate which attempts to reduce deficits succeed in avoid dealing with cuts in the achieving a significantly lower welfare state and in government

Their first observation is thatwhen governments want fiscal expansion they usually increase spending. But they usually increase general taxation to cut the deficit. Second, on the few occasions when a lower deficit has been achieved through spending cuts rather than tax increases, public investment suffers most. Ooe consequence



ECONOMIC VIEW

DIANE COYLE

omy next year and lead to im-

borrowing profile in the medi-

As the Inflation Report ar-

gues, there will be other boosts

to growth in1996. One of the

most important will be the ab-

sence of tax increases, after big

rises for the past two years. This

ing will underpin growth.

As the Bank of England takes

care to point out, judging the

direction of the economy and in-

terest rates is a matter of weigh-

ing probabilities. There is a

risk the current slowdown will go too far. But if Mr Clarke follows up the Budget boost

with a cut in base rates he will

be tipping the odds heavily in

ement in the government

is that government expendi-ture on welfare payments has risen far faster relative in the economy than general current expenditure. The budget reductions that

last are also the rarest: those achieved through cuts in social security and public sector jobs and wages. "It is not the size of the adjustment that sets aside successful nnes from unsuccessful ones; rather it is the

composition," the authors write. Examples of successful deficit reductions include Ireland from 1987-89, the US in 1976 and Britain in 1969, 1977 and 1988. In 1988, then-Chancellor Nigel Lawsoo announced £4bo of tax cuts in the March budget. The subsequent economic boom led critics to say he had beeo irresponsible. But as Lord Lawson complains in his memoir, The View From Number 11, public spending excluding privatisation proceeds was flat in real terms in 1987-88 and fell in 1988-89. There was a marked fall in social security spending as a pro-portion of GDP. Both years saw government surpluses - the first since 1969-70.

The earlier successful deficit reductions in the UK were both a matter of crisis management. In 1977 the Chancellor, Denis Healey, was implementing an International Mooetary Fund programme, imposed after the previous year's halance of payments crisis. Eight years earli-er, Chancellor Jenkins was continuing the post-devaluation austerity programme in-troduced by his predecessor James Callaghan, which included cuts in public spending plans and an incomes policy.

The Irish three-year squeeze is the clearest example of how to go about setting public finances on an improving trend, however. Between 1986 and 1990, social security transfer programmes were cut from 17.6 per ceot to 14.3 per ceot of GDP, government employment fell from 307,000 to 269,000, and

The authors' conclusion is stark: "Any fiscal adjustment hoping to be successful cannot

wages and employmeot." of lower taxes and cuts in public investment and other speedeven if social security spending is indeed one of the bigger victims - and even if the spending

plans are achieved. If the Budget lives up to ex-

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Ghostly sales in the cultural wasteland

Down to earth with a bump prize winner who took the £20,000 purse against the odds on Tuesday night. The heady atmosphere of the Guildhall has gone flat for the novelist, who was seen yesterday apparently checking sales in the cultural desert

"She was in here but we didn't recognise her," says a spokeswoman for Books Etc in Canary Wharf. Which is a pity. The bookshop had not exactly pushed the boat out on the promotional front and Ms Barker would have been



hard pressed to find a copy of her masterpiece.

Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

"This is nothing to do with not supporting the book," explains Corinne Gotch of Books Etc. "It is a case of living with the collapse of the Net Book Agreement. The window space is often used for price promotions, especially in the run-up to

The shop says it will be making a song and dance of the book, but that it wants to display the other two books in the trilogy. Unfortunately they are still on order. The sooner they arrive the better. Canary Wharf sales of The Ghost Road yesterday amounted to two copies.

With his mitts firmly on the Channel 5 television licence, Greg Dyke feels the time is ripe to extend condolences to the losers. The chief execu-tive of Pearson TV was yesterday seen lunching in Covent Garden with David Asper, head of the CanWest syndicate whose £36m bid was roundly beaten by Mr Dyke's offer of £22m. "They ex-changed pleasantries and me-dia gossip," said a close friend. "However, Mr Dyke made no offers on joint programming deals." Still, the two apparently got on so well that anything could happen.

Unparalleled gluttony at the Farmers' & Fletchers' Hall next Thursday, where Chester Boyd, renowned caterer and supplier of groaning tables to at least six City livery companies, gets to grips with the Beaujolais Nouvean. Unless there is a boycott over the nuclear issue this should be a respectable feeding frenzy. Last year 500 guests consumed untold pots of caviar, 50 pounds of fresh salmon, 20 pounds of smoked salmon, 200 pounds of cheese and 100 yards of French bread. "If you laid the sausages head to tail it would have taken Linford Christie nine seconds to run the full length," burps a liverish liveryman. Sir Tim Bell, the gloss mer-

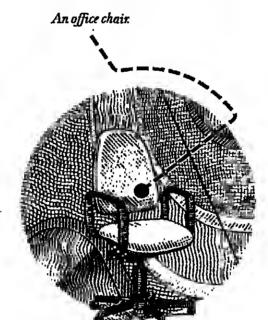
chant, will no longer want for Wimbledon Centre Court tickets, or indeed cross-Channel ferry tickets. His Chime Communications erday paid £500,000 cash for Kensington-based KBH Communications which lists the All England Chub and P&O among its clients. Well, it's probably cheaper than a

Rudi Giuliani, the Mayor of New York who has long had it in for insider traders and the Maffa, reveals his hand in the war against gambling. Horses and Wall Street aside, gambling is illegal in New York and Mr Giuliani proposes to launch an offshore gambling service which he reckous could earn the City \$20m a year. The plan is for floating casinos to depart from Staten Island eight times a day, carrying 1,500 merry-makers, and cruise the three miles needed to arrive in international waters. "You pay to get on the boat and then lose your money out at sea," said an observer.

If the lunchtime session catches on in Wali Street Mr Giu-

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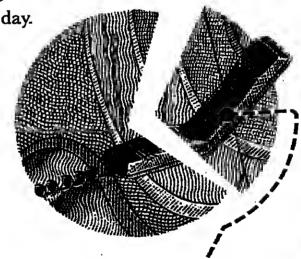
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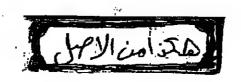


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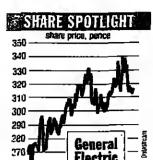


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General Electric Cn managed to get the stock market in a rare old tizzy. It was the heaviest traded blue chip - Seaq put vol-ume at approaching 23 million shares with the price improv-

ing 3p to 316p.

The heavy trading surprised many, and the sudden outbreak of interest prompted thoughts that the group's long, turtunus succession procedure was at last nearing a conclusion.

Lord Weinstock, 72 next summer, has let it be known he intends to step down as managing director of the group he created through a series of spectacular takeovers in the 1960s and has subsequently ruled with an iron hand.

There has, according to the City grapevine, been a furious in-house battle over his successor. The main area of deoutsider should be recruited or smooth succession guaranteed

The stock market would applaud a non-GEC appnintment. After all, the group has a £2bn-plus cash hoard and, it is suspected, a veritable treasure trove of under-performing assets. A break-up exercise

is, therefore, a possibility. There is always the possi-bility that Lord Weinstock will exhaust the cash mountain by indulging in a mega-takeover before he reluctantly departs. A strike for British Aerospace.

for example, would eliminate cash resources and need the back-up of a share exchange. Among the possible candidates for replacing Lord Wein-stock are Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman of Courtaulds; Peter Levene, former pro-curement chief at the Ministry of Defence, and George Simp-son, the ex-BAe man who now

The stock market, fuelled by continuing hid speculation, was again in form with the FT-



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN

Stuck market repurter of the year

SE 100 index gaining 14.7 points to 3,537.1. Firm displays by govern-ment stocks, helped by the Bank of England's inflation outlook, and New York contributed to the enthusiasm.

Utilities again dominated

the takeover turmoil. Not surprisingly, Welsh Water felt obliged to admit to more than a passing interest in its elec-tricity counterpart, South Wales Electricity. It said it was considering a possible £950m offer, around 1,020p a share. Swalec urged caution and its shares surged 70p to 1,058p while the would-be water predator eased 30p to 724p. Other water shares, huoyed

by the Government's clearance for a hid for Northumbrian Water, were strong with, for example, Thames Water up 19p to 555p. Among regional electricity companies. York-shire, put on 30p tn 954p.

The company's continued independence is a testimony to the market's undoubted ability to get its wires crossed. Since the takeover currents started to flow through the Recs nearly a year ago. Yorkshire has been regarded as a surefire hid candidate. Such vi-sion will ultimately be realised. but so far Yorkshire has displayed an infuriating reluctance to fall in with market

a presentation and Dixons, the electrical retailer, man-Cadhery Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drink aged a 5.5p gain to 399p after group, had an intriguing ses-sion with the inevitable takemeeting analysts.
Guinness continued to suf-Guinness continued to suf-fer a prescatation hangover. falling 3.5p to 485.5p. SBC Warburg reckons the targer price is 460p.

Glaxo Wellcome was anoth-er in the dumps following a presentation, off 12p at 875p; Arjo Wiggins Appleton and David S Smith reflected mounting problems in the paover stories (Unilever or

per industry.

experiencing better trading.

Nestle) going the rounds. There appeared to be keen US buying, which could indicate strong trading at Cadbury's Dr Pepper offshoot. Another theory was that Cadbury had at last decided to put United Biscuits out of its seeming perennial misery and mount a rescue takeover. Cadbury rose 16p to 544p and UB 6p to 267p.

GKN, ahead of an investment dinner at London's Savoy Hotel, added 4p to 805p. Henderson Crosthwaite, hosting the event, expects profits of £305m this year.

TSB, the banking group clambering into bed with Lloyds Bank, remained in demand, up 4p to 400p. Lloyds fell 2p to 814p.

RTZ, the mining giant, im-proved 11p to 916p following

TAKING STOCK

After the recent flood, the flow of companies to AIM has settled to a gentle trickle. Due to arrive today is David Glass, a firm of managing agents with IL000 leasehold

properties.

Profits are expected to be £550,000 this year, putting the shares, at their 60p placing price, on 8.5 times prospective earnings and a 6 per cent yield.

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Northamber, the computer mounting problems in the pahardware and software dis-Eurocopy, the office equip-ment group, tumbled 6p to 77p as it admitted hid talks were off tributor, traded around its peak at 252p. Trading is known to be going well and interim figures later this and Ex-Lands shaded to 25p month will prompt heady after confirming plans to split its leisure and property oper-ations into separate quoted forecast revisions, perhaps approaching £6m. Last year

profits were £3.1m. There is also the possibility of takeover action. The chair-Benson Crisps, which has felt ferce competition from the snack food giants, added 4p to man, David Phillips, has 51 per cent and could be pre-22p on talk it went round it was

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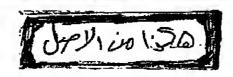
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Lower ambitions for Action

GREG WOOD

to introduce Large Action to a new career over fences seems unlikely to attract the attention of the Nobel Prize committee. current champion, is still quot-After just one successful but unconvincing outing over the larger obstacles, Oliver Sherwood's stable announced yesterday that the gelding, who has been placed in the last two runnings of the Champion Hurdle, is now expected to revert to timber in the hope that he can make it third time lucky.

Large Action's chasing debut at Uttoxeter was an eventful race, with three horses depart-ing at the first and Large Action himself, despite starting at long odds-on, rarely fluent at his fences. Sherwood commented immediately afterwards that 10-1 with a run for the Champion Hurdle" would be a useful bet, and yesterday a spokesman for the stable said: "Large Action jumped adequately at Uttoxeter but Mr Sherwood feels Irish and Yorkshire Oaks win-

that he will be happier over hur-along with Brief Gale, last year's want her to run over three and Man can hardly be called good has really opened up now with As experiments go, the attempt Relkeel, Danoli and Alder-brook all sidelined."

Only two of those harses. however, are definitely out for the season. Alderbrook, the though Large Action is now closing in on favouritism. Ladbrokes cut him to 9-2 from 6-1 vesterday, behind only Alderbrook (3-1 with a run from 4-1) and Montelado (4-1 from 7-2).

Large Action will now miss the First National Bank Chase at Ascot on Saturday week, in which he would have been asked to carry top weight of t2 stone

Britain's runners ahroad, Pure

Grain will attempt to turn the

trend in the £2.6m Japan Cup

The Michael Stoute-trained

in Tokyo on 26 November.

Despite that burden, however, a run into her first." Josh Gillord's mare remains a possible runner in the race.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Royal Ag Nag (Towcester 3.50) NB: Over The Stream (Towcester 2.50)

"If we get some rain Ascot might he the right place for her." Gifford said yesterday. "as she would only have to give away a stone and a haff, but she will not run anywhere until we get some rain. I took her out of the Hennessy as I wouldn't

Grain bears British hopes in Japan

Despite the recent reverses for ner was the sole British horse ride her. We ran Rock Hopper

named among the 11 foreign in-

vitees announced by the Japan

Racing Association vesterday.

said: "The plan is for Pure

Grain to run and John Reid will

A spokeswoman for Stoute

dies. The Champion Hurdle Sun Alliance Chase winner. a quarter miles without getting Another significant absentee

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when the latest declarations for the Hennessy Gold Cup were released yesterday was Barton Bank, who will run next in the King George Vt Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day rather than the Newbury race on 25 November. The ante-post favourite for the Hennessy with Ladbrokes is One Man, last year's winner, despite the fact that his jumping deteriorated towards the end of last season and that he is now asked to race from a 25lb higher mark than

12 months ago. The 7-2 on offer about One

in the race in 199t and he tin-

ished seventh. Mr Stoute has

gone into the preparation thor-

oughly and Pure Grain will go

out there in four or five days as

they are strict on quarantine."

value, but with the betting then 10-1 har, there should be interesting prices further down the list. The remainder of Ladbrokes odds are: 10-1 Val D'Alone, Rough Quest, t2-1 Cogent, Earth Summit, Jodami, Young Hustler, 14-1 Monsieur Le Cure, Morgan's Harhour, Unholy Alliance, 16-1 bar.

The racing at Newhury vesterday was of a rather more modest nature, with just 26 runners in the six races, but the course could at least announce plans to revitalise its other major National Hunt event, the Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle in February Some might feel that with

horses of the calibre of Deep Sensation and Large Action among its recent winners, the race is in reasonable health, but the course elearly believes that the high quality of entries is taking the contest away from its roots as a rough-and-tumble

Added prize-money for next year's renewal will be raised to



Gifford: Brief plans

system, devised by the the British Horseracing Board's race-planning department, will attempt to prevent top-class hurdlers from compressing the handicap. Horses will carry an extra pound, over and above the top weight of 12 stone, for every pound by which their offical rating exceeds 170.

In practice, this may simply deter the Champion Hurdle contenders from running in the Newhory race, but in the run-up to the Festival they have plenty of alternatives. If the move sees a return to the race's glory days as an unmissable betting highlight, few punters will com-

£80,000 from £50,000, hut a new

Scotland aim to lift World Cup

Golf

Sam Torranee aims to complete a memorable season by helping Scotland break the American stranglehold on the World Cup. Colin Montgomerie, who

beat his compatriot to the European No 1 position this year, has been ruled out of the fourday contest in Shenzhen, China, but Torrance, who will now team up with Andrew Cottart, the other member of Scotland's Dunhill Cup-winning trio, insisted: "I feel brand

"I have played a lot of golf. hut they are all huge events and it's easy to get up for them. It is great to play for Scotland. The Dunbill Cup win was just fahulous and winning here would be a good way to top the year."

While the Scots are confident of ending Fred Couples' and Davis Love's bid to earn the US a fourth successive title. Wales have been hit by the over 72 holes.

withdrawal of lan Woosnam with a back injury. Phillip Price, 110th on this season's European money list, has been called up to partner Mark Mouland.

England will be represented by Mark Roe and Paul Broadhursi, and Ireland by Darren Clarke and Philip Wal ton. New Zealand lead the non-British challenge to the Americans, with Frank Nobito and Michael Campbell fresh from winning titles on different continents.

"Both of us are a bit tired, but the wins have boosted our confidence and I think we have a good chance," said Nobito, who triumphed in the Sarazen World Open in Atlanta, while Campbell lifted the Alfred Dunfill Masters title in Indonesia.

Unlike the Dunbill Cup, which pits competing countries against each other in a team strokeplay format, the World Cup is decided on the aggregate score of both players

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L10 Juke Box Billy 1.40 Wild Rose Of York 2.10 Addington Boy (nb)

HYPERION

2.40 Dancing Dove 3.10 EMERALD STORM (nap) 3.40 Recluse

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LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; Mrs M Reveley - 10 womers from 122 run-ELRADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: Mrs M Reveley - 10 wemers from 122 runners gives a success ratio of 32.2% and a profit to a 51 level state of 58.37; G Richards - 25 winners, [11 runners, 24.3%, +511.74; M Hammond - 14 winners, 79 runners, 17.7%, 530.06; Mrs J Goodfellow - 13 winners, 16 runners, 28.3%, +525.72.

ELRADING JOCKETS: P Niven - 47 wins, 117 rides, 40.2%, +525.71; S Storey - 25 wins, 140 rides, 17.7%, 535.04; A Dobbin - 20 wins, 193 rides, 19.4%, +521.45; M Moloney - 14 wins, 51 rides, 23.0%, 53.24.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Dancing Dove (2.40) won at Market Rasen on Thursday, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Martie (1.10) has been sent 168 miles by M Mengher from Westhoad Lamasables.

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Sea Breaker (2.30) has been sent
200 miles by D Cantillon from Newmarket, Suffolk.

1.30 SHOREDITCH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 1f

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2.00 ORCHARD PORTMAN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,400 added 2m 1f

NEWBURY

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11 fee. 3 ran. 5, nk. (Mrs L Murphy, Newson 70 Tober £2.30, Dual Forecast. £3.00.

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Runner: Danny Gale. 1.50: 1. CROPREDY LAD (G McCourt) 9-

PARK: Centre of course 53; remainder free.

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FORM GUIDE.

Dick Alian is not asking a great deal of MY HANDY MIAN on his first run over hurdes and he might just impet more expenenced horses, such as Willel Rose Of York, Brackenthrenite ands, but his second place in an 31-furiong needen at Southwell IAMY suggests he has the necessary stamina and he was also numer-up in a nine-hurlong handcrap at Hamilton in the spring, so he is not without ability. Brackenthreate has been tricly to win with on the Flat for a while now but he is back in a seller after a law sixth behind Can Can Charles in a nonce event at Market Rosen, Pout Carberry's only inde of the day, Brackenthreate in an inside retiremen carry 12 stone in the last. Also entered in that nowse handcap was Will Rose Of York, bearen three tengths by Rurnig at Sougeried two months ago but who has proved more successful ance, as a nexall of having her sights help proby love, Rurnig will find lide easier in this selter after being found warrang in handicaps. Tallos beat only one home in a staying handicap on the Flat at Edinburgh last Thursday but had run respectably in a big field at Normansham beforehand. Sure to be fit, he must be given a chance now he is tropped into a

	2.10	MACKINNON OF SCOTLAND REG TWEEDIE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,881
1	37211-1	URON V (PR) (153) (Guy Faber and Peter Ambler) Mrs M Reveley 9 11 12
2	003-211	GRLE AHEAD (13) (CD) (John Robson) G M Moore 5 11 10 N Bentley
3	502-112	ADDRESTON BOY (18) (BF) (Cott Foods Lemmes) G Richards T 118 A Dobblo
4	2/560	MONY-SIGP (288) (Trevor Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 6 11 4
s	00023-F	MORE JOY (5) (Mrs I, Marshall) Mrs I, Marshall 7 11 4 Callegian
6	4P4-P3P	RIVER BEE (12) U Wally) W Reed 6 11 4.
7	PD4P/4/	ROCKET REN (581) (Poler J.S. Russell) Mess L. V. Russell 7 11 4
8		WOLFSVILLE (13) (Exprs of the late Mr R R Lamb) D Lamb 7 11 4
9		BLACK MACAC WOMAN (3BO) (I A Hellens) / Hellens 7 10 13
10		CARDETTO (220) (Mrs. R Brews) R Brews 8 10 13
		SERVING GOLD 122 (Salat I Barriay 5 10 13 B Shorry

BETTING 2-1 Uron V, 9-4 Addington Boy, 5-2 Gale Ahead, 14-1 Mony-Skip, 16-1 Black Magic Woman, etto, Rocket Ron, 25-1 others

1994; Son Of Ins 6 11 0 P Niven 13-8 Nam M Reviews Son Potent author.

It is early days, but Cumbrian Challenge was talked of as a potential Challenham horse alter beating ADDINISTON BOY at Wesherby. Addington Boy might have found the two-mile mark lest season. Addington Boy wasn't stopping when successful in minor events at Sedgefield and Bongtor and looks well worth trying over this staying thip, although the cartifation to be short of starring with Unian V in opposition. A popule of wins at the end of last season suggest that bron V has sorted out the dodge jumping that made from a hely proposition early on in his chassing concer and, with the Reviety horses in good form, it would be no surprise if he turned up fighting fit despite the five morth obsence. After winning weak events here and at Wetherby, Guile Aband finds himself in a much tougher heat boday but he's a lightly-reced and improving ine-year-old who has taken well to chasting. Rocket Run cost 26,000grs at Doncaster after his successful season in point-to-points but he'll be doing well to get the better of all times winning chasers.

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2	2.40	BORDER FINE ARTS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 2f
1		BEND SABLE (29) OF S Storey) F Storey S 12 0
2		EUROTWIST (253) (Paymond Combisal) S Kettered 6 11 11
3		ZAMHAREER (USA) (236) (D.C. Battey) W.Storey 4 11 7
ē		THENTER BUDGET (USA) (12) (C) (A SECOL MISE SOCK 8 11 6 F Partott (3)
5		DANCING DOVE (7) (CD) (Or Kenneth S Faster) G Richards 7 11 6
6		BROCTUNE BAY (B) (Malcoim Barley) Mrs. M Reveley 6 11 6 (6es)
ž		ROSCOMMON JOE (708) (Mrs Carnel Sweenoy) J D'Neil 5 11 1
ġ		GRANDMAN (19) (Mrs Eseen M Milletani O Motion 4 11 0
9		SHARP SENSATION (7) (C) DATS A Harbort W Banker 5 10 12
		PEPMST (180) (The Gener Partnership 2: M Hammont 4 10 S
		COMPTOSAURUS (24) (8F) (Mrs O S Aded) O River 6 11 1/2

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BETRING 7-2 Dancing Dove, 4-1 Brochuse Bay, 5-1 Tighte Berlight, 11-2 Bond Sable, 7-1 Eurobeist
8-1 Zandhung, 10-1 Peptist, 12-1 Rosensenson Jos. 16-1 Grandway, 20-1 others
1994: Dancing Dove 6 10 8 A Dobbin 5-1 (G Rosenson 5 and

FORM GUIDE log Dove beat Tighter Budget (4th better off) four lengths in last year's race and could have the edge again at site escapes a poneity after withing a conditionals' race under 12 stone at Mohet Rasen a week ago. Ingiter Budget's success in a five-ruiner race over an extra half mile here 12 days ago might not amount to much and half give un 5th in the meanting. BROCTUNE BAY's race at Haydock might not have taken much well have taken much well as

things after injury restricted him to just four outrings last term. Eurobwist beat Zamhareer haif a length at York in October, 1994, before a successful switch to hurding and, although only mith in the corresponding York handicap this time round, he didn't do body considering that was his first nur in more than seven months and his first for Steve Rettiewell after leaving Last Eyro. Kottlewell has booked Graham Lee, who won on Eurobwist first time out last season, while Zamhareer looks as though he should go well book over nurdles after fair efforts in log fields in Flot handicaps.

Selection: BROCTUNE BAY,

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Ľ	3.10	CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 6f 110yds	H
1		WHAT FETTLE (18) (CD) (Alaciamon Mills) G Richards 10 12 0	l
2	1/11141	BAYROUGE (26) (C) (A Snerato Mrs M Reveloy 7 11 9P Niven	1
3	451-112	FIVELENCH BURLDS (19) (EP) (Mess L V Plusser) Mess L V Plusseri & 10 13 A Thornton	П
4	12214-1	EMERALD STORM (12) (CD) (T P Frich) P Montent 8 10 11 T Jeeks	1
S	1121-1P	MILS MU (124) (C) (BF) (W Hust) T Cumbert 10 10 8B Handing (3)	Ш
6		CROSS CANNON (13) U A Heliens) J Heliens 9 10 7 R Garritty	,
7	1F5132-	DEEP DECISION (IBS) (Atan Carrist P Cheestrough 9 10 1	l
8	OL/OPUP	LUPY NEWSTREE (194) (CD) (Raymond Anderson Green) C Parker 10 10 0	ł
9		GALA WATER (230) (Ais T D C Dun) T Dun 9 10 0	l

Alimnum weight: 10st, True handicap seeght; Gola Water 9st 7th. BETTINES: 5-2 Wissal Fettle, 3-1 Beyrongs, 9-2 Emerated Starm, 11-2 Fiveleigh Builds, 7-1 Deep De-cision, 11-1 Cross Cammu, 12-1 Mills Alig. 20-1 Gold Water & Lupy Ministrel, 1994; Whate Fettle 9 11.9 M Moloney 4-5 (G Rategros), 2-toh.

FORM GUIDE We do not really know how good BAYROUGE is over fences, because she best nothing o We do not reasy know now good BATHOUGHS is over rendes, declares the deat nothing or note in winning three novote chases, and she was hampered and got no further than the third when she went down to kempton for the Charisma Gold Cup won by General Rusty. Only seven and relatively unexposed when it comes to chasing, Bayrouge can probably miprove at this game, in which case the more experienced horses won't lind it easy to beat her, Hawing said that, Bayrouge will have to run her best race over fences so far ill she's to get the tetter of Witanat Fettile, from the in-form Gondon Richards stable and reach his sound to beat round here, Most of these will smight to stay with Whitail Fettile and match his sound increase and one previous with the particular than the constitutions. to bear round peris, Most of views will surgely to sup year which receive but materials so under jumping, but one possibility is Emerald Storm, who inventely ran well first time out for Nick-Henderson and who made a winning start for Peter Montenth here 12 days ego, picking off loss Ridcolgan and then Kushaloo. Like Bayrough, Fiveleigh Builds deesn't have a great deal of ensing experience to draw upon but the looks more fleely to make a race of it man most of the others and should be thereabouts after going down a head to Whoat Fertile's stablemate, Ninta, of Carlisle, Ninta Gidn't do the form any harm when numer-up to Romany Content of Position for Montally. Creek at Certisie on Monday.

3.40 LANGHOLM DYEING COMPANY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 110yds

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Jenneum was backed at long odds before chasing home Wild Rose Of York in a non-hand-cap seler at the less meeting, out the winter had plenty in hard and even if Jonaem has triproved last, season he might be pushed to give away the weight in this handicap. It's impossible to have much confidence in KIMBERLEY BOY, whose four attempts over hundles possible to have much confidence of KIMBERLEY BOY, whose four etternats over hundles have been far from encouraging, but this is his lirst crack at a handleap and he finds himself getting weight from horses that wouldn't look out of place in a seller. If anyone can improve him and get a little hundle race out of him, it's surely Mary Raveley, and she has a bit to work on a that Rimberley Boy managed to win a seller on the Plat in the spring, Bolaziery Bish comes into the rectioning on her fourth to Norios over this two miles two roses ago. Second, that and fifth behind Norios were subsequent winners Desert Fighter, Monkey Wench and Durhom Drapes, and Bolaziery Gal might not have lasted home over the stiff course in Sally Cay's race at Centese last time. Izza was fourth to Stay Awake here last month and in poor amatieurs' race on his last visit. He has moved from Micky Hammond to Linda Penrat, since their but it remains to be seen if that and the drop in distance makes a difference.

Parke earns a tilt at Jansher

Nottingham's Simon Parke stamped his authority on the World Open in Nicosia, Cyprus, yesterday by defeating the Pakistan No 2, Zarak Jahan, to set up a quarter-final with Jansher Khan, the top-seed and defending champion.

The fifth-seeded Parke defeated Zarak 15-4, 16-17. 15-8, 15-8 in 67 minutes. He will now draw encouragement from the last time he beat Jansher, which was in the second round of the Dutch Open in 1991.

Jansher, who defeated Pakistan's third string, Mir Zaman Gul, 15-3, 15-6, 15-7 in 28 minutes yesterday, is aiming for a record seventh world title. Parke, at 23, is three years younger but is taking part in his the top seed and world seventh senior World Open champion, Michelle Martin, of and has earned a world junior title along the way in 1990.

Later in the men's event, the third-seeded Scottish champion, Peter Nicol, was surprisingly heaten 13-15, 17-15, 15-7, 15-8 in 63 minutes by Finland's Sami Elopuro, the 12th seed.

The 22-year-old suffered from tonsillitis through much of last season and entered hospital for surgery during the summer. "I am just not as fit as I used to be," he admitted after letting slip an early lead.

In the women's Grand Prix event, played alongside the men's World Open, Yorkshire's Suzanne Horner reached the quarter-finals, defeating Sabine Schone of Germany 9-1, 4-9, 9-5, 9-2 in 37 minutes.

Sue Wright, of Kent, joined her in the last eight by defeating the Scot Senga Macfie 9-1, 9-1, 9-1 and will now play Australia.

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Sports Letters

Gentleman's excuse me

Sir: In an age where rugby reaches forward to grasp the cold hand of change, which shakes the game in the di-rection of élitism, while the game becomes choked on the pitch, is it not time the "gentlemen's" game played the "gentlemen's" eard? 1 am speaking of those who sacrifice much of their time to the

game and rarely (until re-

cently through professional-

ism) go rewarded. Simon Brown, Harlequins' prop, who has been a stalwart hack in the rugby union fold in the team's dream start to the and starving him of opportuseason, will no doubt return to second's rugby as soon as Jason Leonard is passed fit. His efforts will not go unrewarded - he will surely be praised at the end-of-season dinner! Simon Geoghegan, world-class winger, has only last week been promoted to Bath's first

1 propose that all top division clubs be forced to make George no dragon two non-injury related changes every week bar two weeks (to allow the full First XV team to play), therefore allowing at least two "seconds" players to display their abilities at the top-

Surely this would be advantageous to every top club, as future through invaluable ex-perience. This reward for secincentive for everyone to push for a first-team place, while making matches more interesting for the spectator and the outcome less clear-cut. Yours faithfully. **GAVIN POWÉR**

Sourpuss Catt

From Mr G M Williams, Sir: What does Mike Catt think be is doing? In an article in the Independent (7 November), he manages in one fell swoop to malign two erstwhile English colleagues (Rob Andrew and

criticise the general attitude of English sportsmen and women (they "don't possess mental

toughness").
Is this what the new age of professionalism is all about? Does it occur to Catt, a South African, that this sort of talk is hardly likely to endear him to his colleagues? They will be looking over their shoulders and thinking that if he can do this sort of thing to Andrew, who, whether Catt likes it or not has won more games for England than Catt is ever likely to, then

he will do it to them as well. It is all very depressing - on Sunday we saw team-mates of Jonathan Davies at Cardiff elearly not keen to see him nities on the field. This used to be the team game par excellence, but is it all now to be destroyed by professionalism? Yours faithfully G M WILLIAMS

Arsenal no drag --

7 November

From Mr.4 Corton Sir: With the failure of so many British football teams in Europe this year, is it not time that the footballing community recognised the achievements of Arsenal over the last two seasons and, of players will be groomed for the course, the much maligned manager George Graham. As an Arsenal supporter I enonds players' efforts will be an joyed greatly the European games and have to say that George's tactics were spot on, and I would take this opportunity of saying to other managers, if Arsenal can get it right so can they.

> ANDREW CORTON I November

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND Promise Division: Dundalk v Galway (7.45). PONTING LEAGUE First Division: Bolton Wan-

FA YOUTH CUP First round: Plymouth Angle: Charlion Athletic (7.0). Other sports

-7 declared BETTING: 5-4 Your Loader, 7-2 Agra, 5-1 Smolaheldge Grae, 8-1 Zibu
Son, 10-1 Cavalore, 14-1 Capper Coll, 10-1 Maxism Rose 3.30 HAYGRASS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F)

2.30 CORFE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m 3f

= 8 declared = SETTING: 9-4 Herbert Buchenan, 11-4 Sen Brenter, 7-2 Nadlad, 9-2 Jeses's Soy, 8-1 Emerald Moon, Wanza, 33-1 others

3.00 HENLADE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 3m 110yds

4.00 SOUTH-WEST AMATEURS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 2m 3f 110 yds

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TOWCESTER:

HYPERION 20 Preston Guild 1.50 Carlingford Lights 2.20 ermick 2.50 Over The Stream 3.20 Atherton Green 3.50 Royal Ag Nag

GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places on Chase course).

Right-hand, undulating circuit. Run-in of 140yd.

Course is on A5 SE of town. Bus service from Northwapton station. ADMINSTON: Members 3:12, Tatternalls. SR; Course. \$1 (Car plus all occupants \$161. CAR PARK: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN HAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Royal Ag Nag (3.60) has been sent. A40 miles by P I lubba from Billwook, Somerset; Dona Rine Me (1.60) acat 119 miles by M Churches from Godney, Somerset. 1.20 FILIRRY KNOX SELLING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,500 added 2m

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FIRM SECURITY MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS 1.50 FiRM SECOND 110yds

SETTING: 1-2 Corlingford Lights, 7-2 Don't Rise Me, 4-1 Seatonics

2.20 NICK COOK BENEFIT YEAR NOVICE HAND-ICAP HARDLE (CLASS F) £2,800 2m

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3 5-11291 VACAR OF BRAY (SG) G Rodring 8 10 3 _____ S Clifford
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BETTING: evens Over The Stream, 5-2 Vicur of Bray, 4-1 K C's Desce 3.20 BARWELL CORPORATION HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 2m 5f

— 4 declared — BETTING: 5-4 Atherica Grans, 7-4 Chaeldestone, 4-1 Jubilee Royale, 12-

3.50 MOONLIGHTER MARES "NH" NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m

BETTING: 4-8 Royal Ag Nag, 3-1 Ragosa, 4-1 Mins Cosistal, 18-1 Dani

Mark Johnston was yesterday still mystified by Double Trieger's flop in Tuesday's Melbourne Cup. "Druhle Trigger is great and in amazing form. He looks extremely well," the Middleham trainer said. "Jason Weaver said he was never right in the race and tactically we would do things differently if the race was run again. But that's not enough to explain why he stopped so quickly a mile out when he had every chance to run on. Johnston faces quite a wait for the results of done tests carried out on the 7-2 favourite who trailed in 17th of 20 in Australia's most prestigious race. "We're not coming back until next Tuesday with the horse but I don't expect to have the results by then," be said. The race was won by Doriemus, with the 1993 winner, Viotage Crop, a fast finishing third.

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£15.78. Tnd: £8.90.

ran. 4., 14. () Berryl, Tota: £4.10; £1.40, £1.60, £1.20. Dual Forecast: £11.00. CSF:

2.40: 1. DUNE VALENTINO (7 Nes) 9-4; 2. Sadly Sober 13-8 Inc; 3. Vacinostol; 33-1. 11 rm. 8, 1:-.. (R Holinshead). Toba: £3.30; £1.60, £1.10, £8.50. Dual Forecast

£2.60. CSF: £5.99, Tno; £56.40. 3.10; 1. JARAAB (S Whitworth) 6-1; 2. La

Brief 5-1; 3, Coleridge 9-2 It fav. 14 ran. 9-2 It fav Upper Mourn Clar (5th), 15, 2. (B Lewis). Tote: £9.00; £1.80, £2.10, £2.50.

DF: £19.30, CSF: £36.01, Tao: £57.60, Tri-

Cast: £140.64. 3.40: 1. RIVER KEEN (W Woods) 10-1;

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2; 2. Fast Ron 14-1; 3, Victor Bravo 8-13 2; Z. Fast Non 14-1; S. Victor Banks 8-13 fov. S rain. 14, 8. (P Webber, Bankury), Tobas 65-20; £1.70, £2.60. Dr. £24.90, CSF: £37.69. Mass Akure (14-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 expiles to all bets, deduction 5p in the pound.

2.20: 1. HOPS AND POPS (Mr P Hanley)

4.5 fav; 2. Grest Marqueset 11-8; 3. Imad. 4-5 ray; 2- Great Management 11-5; 3. amage 8-1 3 rate, 13, 7. (R Alner, Blandford Forum).

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Tota: £1.90. Dual Forecast £1.20. CSP. Tete: £1.90. Duel Forecast: £1.20. CSF: £2.14. Non Rumrer: Tharm. 2.50: 1. RAMSTAR (G Tormey) 9-4; 2. Vients 9-4; 3. Dr Rocket 5-4 fav. 3 ran. nk. 13. (P Hotols, Minehead). Teter £3.30. Duer Forecast: £3.30. CSF: £6.09. 3.20: 1. MASTER RYON (D Bridgester) 1-3 fav; 2. Dur Witzer 5-2. 2 ran. 1/e. (R Alner, Blendfort Forum). Tote: £1.30. NRS: Bertone, Go Bellistia & Golden Madjernbo. 3.50: 1. YES MAN (J Filtrey) 4-1; 2. Remellen 10-1: 3. Stor Raige 9-4. 4 ran. cvers fav prummond Warrior (4th). 1/e., 4. (Miss H Knigh, Warriage). Tota: £3.50. Duel Forecast: £12.40. Computer Straign Forecast: £25.32. Placecost: £711.60. Quedgot: £84.40.

Placepot: £711.60. Quadpot: £84.40. Place 5: £655.23. Place 5: £176.93. WORCESTER 1.00: 1. STORM NORTH (Crep Miller) 13-

1.30: 1. ACT OF PARLIAMENT (R Durwood) 13-8 fav, 2. Columny Boy 7-1; 3. Arthur's Ministrel 7-2. 4 ran. 4, 12. (X Bai-Arthur's Minstel 7-2. 4 ran. 4, 12. (R Bar-ley, Upper Lamboum), Tobe: £2,10. Dual Fore-cast: £8.00. CSF: £9.76, 2.00: 1. SOUTHAMPTON (A P McCoy) 3-1; 2. Tejano Gold 2-1 fox; 3. Holy Wandorer

9-2 5 can. sta Inc. 2. (G Baiding, Fydeld). Total: [2.90; £1.70, £1.70. Dual Forecast: £3.30. CSF: £8.80. 2,30: 1. BETTY'S BOY (R Durmoun) 2-1; 2. Cherrymut 6-4 fav; 3. Gospal 2-1. 4 ran, 14-, dist. (K Balley, Upper Lambourt). Tobs: £8-20. Dust Forecast: £2.10. CSF: 3.00: 1. PRONTIER FLIGHT (E Husband)

7-2; 2. Supermick 3-1; 3. Tykeyvor evens fav. 7 ran. hd. 9. (Miss 1. Suddel, Tadoest-er). Totas £4,60; £2.50, £2.80. Dual Fore-25: 23.30. CSF: 13.3.79.

3.30: 1 NEWHALL PRINCE (7 Etc) 2-1 fac; 2. Dawn Chance 9-2; 3. On The Tear 20-1. 6 ran. 14, 7. IA Streete, Unconter). Total: 63.10: £1.70. £2.30. Dual Forecast: £7.50. CSF: £10.15. 5-1. 18 van. 9-2 it laws Crampscostie & The Tiger Hunter. 1, nd. (TTate, Tadcaster). Total £14.50; £4.00, £3.90, £3.70. DF: £83.80. CSF: £169.90, Tno: £281.30. Placepoi: £56,80. Quadpoi: £32,40, Place 6: £55,14. Place 5: £46,47. LINGFIELD

12.40: 1. FORT KNOX IC Scuider 10-1; 2. Maos 10-3; 3. Mr Frosty 10-1, 13 rat., 13-8 fev Set The Fashion, 16, shi-hd. (R Flower), Total: 514-70; 53-90, 52-10, 52-20, 52-50, DF: £52.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £43.02. Tho: £133.80. Tricast £325.05. £3.02. Inc. 1.33.80. Incest: £3.63.05.
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12-1; 11; ran. 4, 144. (8 Monitan). Total:
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£9.88. Thoss: £49.57. Tho: £9.80, Non Ruh-

1.40: 1. ROMAN GOLD (R Perham) 13-8 140: 1. NOMAN GRAD (R PENTAN) 13-8 fav; 2. Fran Godfrey 8-1; 3. Stendyroffer Study 18-1; 11 can. 4, 2v. 18 Hannorth. Tota: 22-60; £1.30, £2.20, £3.40. DF: £11.60. CSF: £15.46. Tot. £47.30. Non Runner: Catch The Lights. 2.10: 1. MOI CANARO (P Fessey) 4-1; 2.

2 South Eastern Fred 9-2; 3. Dance So Suite 2-1 isv. 11 ran. 1, 5. (R Armstrong, Tate: £12.70; £4.80, £2.70, £1.50, DF £38,20, CSF; £52,15, Tricast; £117,16, Tric; £78,90, NR; Sir Oliver, After a stewards' in-£78.90. NR: Sir Oliver. After a stea quiry and an objection by the second to the winner, result unaltered. Jacimot: not won (pool of £2,664,40 certied

ionward to Kelso today). Placepot: £49,00. Quadpot: £10.5 Place 6: £15,96. Place 6: £4.16.

derers y Liverpool (7,0); West Bromwich Al-

RACELINE OB91-168-168 COST: £5,30. CSF: £13,79. 2; 2. Baronet 5-4 Far, 3. Spring Rhythm 11-8, 8 ppr. ni, 14. Wiss Veneto Williams, Hereford). Tota: £7.40; £1_10, £1_30. 101 201 301 KELSO TOWCESTER 102 202 307 Hereixen, torus 27.40, 22.00, Computer 51.20. Dual Fonecast, £1.00. Computer Straight Forecast, £14.28 7/to: £2.00. Non Runners, Jack Leader, Scarlet Rembler. Af-ter stewards' Inquey, result unaffered. TAUHTON 103 203 303 miliations 971 485 574 Source Broadlessen Hobbins (7) 425 Sec. Calls Charged of Pop per min charp sale, and per min at all other times. CLOHMEL 120 220 320 Cole, designed of Specifican charge of the plane of the p

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He gets across the impression that only the titanic efforts of America's athletically minded have kept sport going this long

On a bright morning in San Diego it is probably safe to assume that few if any people outside the United States know immediately the name Ernie Nevers and consider him to be among the 10 greatest sporting

figures of all time. Nevers, who is said to have performed prodigious feats of speed and mobility when turning out for Stanford University as a running back in the gridiron game more than 60 years ago, is given exalted status by Bert Randolph Sugar in a book to celebrate the careers of 100 rtsmen as I sportswomen he thinks supreme in history.

As Sugar never removes his fedora in public and goes around chomping on a large cigar, it has long since been concluded, especially in boxing circles, that he is a fully paidup eccentric.

However, the status Sugar accords Nevers in The Hundred Greatest Ath-letes of All Time has less to do with a capricious nature than insular per-ception. With the exception of Pele, who is in eighth place, and reading downwards, Sugar's top 10 is comprised entirely of American heroes: Jim Brown (gridiron), Jim Thorpe (decathlete), Babe Didrik-son Zaharias (golf), Jackie Rohin-son and Babe Ruth (baseball), Jesse Owens (athletics), Wilt Chamberlain (hasketball), Nevers and Michael Jordan (basketball).

widespread reputations, a good

This applies absolutely to Sugar's overall list in that it does not include a footballer other than Pele, and Sir Donald Bradman (misspelt, Broadman) is the only cricketer. Nobody was chosen from either code of rugby. Another American, Al Unser, is the lone representative of motor racing. "That is hecause he won the Indianapolis 500 as well as on the Grand Prix circuit," Sugar said last week in Las Vegas shortly before Riddick Bowe demolished Evander

Holyfield. Well Bert, so did Graham



Another inexplicable omission is

ordinary CB Fry and Juan Fangio. distaff side of Sugar's selection. Apart from Martina Navratikwa. who was born and raised in nast, Nadia Comaneci and the Dutch athlete, Fanny Blankers Koen, it too is dominated by Amer-icans: Zaharias, Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Wilma Rudolph (ath-letics), Chris Evert and Billie Jean King (tennis) and Sonja Heate (ice

that of Lester Piggott, perhaps supreme among horsemen who is relegated to a supplementary roll call along with such notable performers.

ions held internationally. only the titanic efforts of America's athletically minded have kept sport going this long, and that the whole business would be in a sorry state

without their contribution. hisher would want to trust Sugar with his money, you can have fun with something like this. You can point out, for example, that if drawn up in most other countries, a similar list standing footballers; Diego Maradona, Alfredo di Stefano, Johan

Probably, it would have Muham-mad Ali, who transcended boxing. He gets across the impression that in first position. A personal view is that Ali for social as well as sport-ing reasons, stands above all others. Advance publicity for Sugar's book poses the question. Why is pro-football's running back Jim Brown the No 1 athlete ever?" If suggested to most people in the wider world of sport it would draw a blank expression. Jim who? you imagine a lot of them asking.

Great player that he was, to sup-pose that Brown is more significant in history than Ali and Pele is

As for Nevers, it was almost im

Schumacher poised to overtake them all

Derick Ailsop argues that Germany's F1 world champion, who can set a record for grands prix wins in a single season on Sunday, is already one of the sport's greats

t is estimated Michael Schu-macher could earn more than all the other Formula One drivers put together next season. If that is so, he will be getting just about what he is worth.

Across the sporting spec-trum, there are few individuals - if indeed any - as pre-eminent in his sphere as Schumacher is in grand prix motor racing. And of course his sphere is not merely sport. It is also business, a business which attracts massive investment and he geoerates extraordinary prestige.

Nowhere is the investment greater and the prestige more coveted than at Ferrari, the most famous team in the husiness and yet a team that has not had a world champion driver

They believe Schumacher can bridge that gap for them, hence their willingness to pay him a basic \$25m (£16m), plus bonuses, a year. Only the late Ayrton Senna achieved comparable financial stature.

Comparative stature as racing drivers is less simple to gauge. No one disputes Senna's place among the all-time hierarchy of the sport and many con-

tion remains debatable. He has been in Formula One only four years and his opposition has been relatively inferior to that confronted by Senna, who raced against Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell at their peak. However, Schumacher at 26 looks closer to the finished ar-

ticle than Senna at 26 and is the

youngest man to hold two world

championships. The Brazilian claimed the first of his three titles at the age of 28. They would probably have been embroiled in the classic duel last season but Senna was killed in the third race, at Imola. It should not be forgotten,

though, that Schumacher had

prix and Senna's spin in vain pursuit at Interlagos betrayed a lingering vulnerability.

Damon Hill, who took up the challenge for Williams-Renault and Formula One, responded splendidly when an unlikely chance of the championship presented itself, and was denied only by that controversial collision in Adelaide.

Last season remains an unsatisfactory chapter in the annals of the sport. Doubts raised by Senna and others about the legality of Schumacher's car, the Benetton-Renault. darkened the course of the championship and disciplinary measures served merely further to un-

credibility o

Schumacher at the contest. The most salient fact of 26 years old ... the year was that Schumach- looks closer to er woo the title from 12 of the the finished 16 races. He was banned or article than from the other Senna at 26 four. This sea-

sed on a mui quota, retair his crown with two rounds to spare. Victory in Australia on Sunday would take him past Mansell's record of nine in a

What makes Schumacher's domination of the field all the more admirable is that he does not have the best car. The consensus of opinion is that Hill's Williams is superior and we can only speculate whether any of the other drivers would have made better use of it.

Perhaps Jean Alesi or Gerhard Berger would have. Perhaps David Coulthard would have, had he discovered his form in the first half of the campaign. The young Scot's ascen-

won the two previous grands dancy in recent races pos fresh questions about Hill's

> There is little dispute Schumacher in a Williams would have been irresistible. He has frequently been outpaced in the smash and grab of qualifying by both Hill and Coulthard, yet has outfought and outmanoeuvred-

Certainly Schumacher has had the concentrated backing of an enormously gifted technical crew. Benetton have been the reliability matched only by their

But probably Benetion's

pected to pro-

duce results. team, raising their expecta-

tions and their Hill envied him his absolute seniority inside the camp, maintaining it was critical to their relative fortunes. There again, you cannot help feel Schu-macher would have handled a

straight fight within Williams. Schumacher has the fundamentals required to win races at this level: pace, car control commitment and ambition. The qualities that elevate him to a strata above his contemporaries are the stamina to sustain speed for up to 200 miles of varying track lay-out and changing weather conditions, the mental agility to plan one step ahead of the rest, and the uncompromising instinct to get tough when necessary

new standards of physical fitness him cope with the mind games, the constant flow of technical data and intelligence on oppotioned at the pit wall, marvel at his analytical and decision-making capacity while racing at

190mph. Shades of Senna. A natural self-belief has enabled him to exploit his gifts and his spectacular advance in the sport has developed still greater confidence to the point, some suggest, of arrogance. More ades of Senna.

Arrogance may explain excesses on the psychological battleground. Not content with off it. Did Senna not treat Prost

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Selfish, ruthless and imperious, Schumacher is the embodiment of the modern Formula One champion. He is sure of himself and his worth, and that valuation evidently

concurs with Ferrari's. Events next year could measure the accuracy of their calculauons. In a sense, Schumache is giving the rest a chance by gomg to Ferrari and he contends his target is the championship of 1997. Alesi and Berger will en-deavour to emulate his feats at Benetton, while the team will be anxious to prove they have not

been a one-man band. Hill is anticipating another shot - possibly his last - although he must grapple with a new team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, who has already announced he does not intend to be No 2 to the Englishman.

Schumacher takes his No 1 to Maranello and if he still has that number on the scarlet car in '97, then his place among the grandmasters will be assured.

Ferguson's appeal rejected by SFA

Football

Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, yesterday spoke out against the Scottish Football Association's decision to reject Duncan Ferguson's appeal against a 12-match ban. It seems vindictive to me."

he said. "The tribunal had a good opportunity to redress the situation. If you carry out a mugging in the street and are sentenced you serve it and that's the end of the matter. "I fully expected the ban would not be activated or would

take into account the eight games Duncan has already missed while in prison. You have to say he has suffered enough. Having visited Barlinnie, six weeks in there is quite a sentence." The SFA's appeals tribunal

yesterday rejected the striker's plea for leniency over the ban, which followed an on-field assault on Raith's John McStay in April 1994 that also resulted in his being jailed for three months. The tribunal decided the sus-

pension, one match of which Ferguson has already served. should run from yesterday. Everton were hoping that Ferguson, to be released from Glasgow's Barlinnie Prison on

22 November, would be available to play on 25 November. The decision to begin the ban yesterday was met with disap-pointment by Tony Higgins,

secretary of the Scottish Professional Footballers' Associaion. "We felt at the very least if the tribunal was to uphold the 12-match ban they would backdate it to his entry into Barlin-

Michael Schumacher, who next season swans his Benetton overalls for those of Ferrar

nie Prison," Higgins said.
"Given what the player has been through, and that he has been through the court's system, it was felt the time was right for the tribunal to show some compassion. Effectively the play-er has been punished twice for the same crime and, given the severity of his prison sentence, consideration to that should have been the main priority."

Middlesbrough's hopes of persuading Juninho not to miss eight games next spring look for-lorn. The midfielder is set on playing for Brazil in next summer's Olympic Games, which means he will he absent next Fehruary and March while he plays in the qualifying compe-tition in Argentina. Playing in the Olympics is a dream for me and I want to enjoy the experi-ence." Juninho said yesterday

before Brazil's friendly against Argentina in Buenos Aires. Jimmy Case, the Brighton layer-coach, has been detained in hospital for X-rays after sustaining a neck injury falling awk-wardly in a reserve match yesterday. The 41-year-old former Liverpool player, the oldest out-field player in the league, had ignored specialists' advice to end his career this season.

Norwich's progress is ensured by Ward

Ashley Ward, the Norwich City striker, hopes his Coca-Cola Cup hat-trick against Bradford will be the boost he needs to send the Carrow Road club back

into the hig time. The 24-year-old's appearances have been hampered by a niggling hamstring injury picked up in pre-season training, but he showed no ill-effects as he led Norwich to their 5-3 third-round

replay win on Tuesday. Scoring goals always gives me confidence to pick up the rest of my game, and hopeful-ly the sharpness will come back too. It's not a particular pressure on me, even though I was top scorer last season, but because we were relegated everybody looked at us and thought we'd be up at the top," Ward "As a cinb, we've set stan-

dards over the past few seasons and so there is that pressure on us to perform. It's down to the whole squad to get us into a position where we can get up, and that's what we've got to do." Jimmy Quinn, the Reading

player-manager, clinched his side's place in the fourth round with a last-gasp winner in their replayed match against Bury. However, tempers flared in the players' tunnel after the 2-1 result. - which followed the abandonment of the original match two weeks ago when

Bury were 2-0 ahead. I think there was a bit of a

players were calling us cheats, which I think is a hit naïve. I won't let my players get involved in things like that."

The visitors looked on course to earn a replay until Quinn flashed in an 89th-minute header with his second touch of the game. He added: "They had obviously reached the stage where they were hoping to keep it tight and secure the replay and 1 would have been happy with a draw at that stage, but I decid-ed to go on and have a go any-

Stan Ternent, the Bury manager, denied there had been a scuffle between the players, but said: "I think it all stems from the first match, when we didn't scuffle," Quinn said. "The Bury feel the game should have been

called off. But had we been Reading, we just would have been glad to have another crack at it. The Reading players aren't cheats and neither are mine. "I am very disappointed for

the lads. I thought we gave a good account of ourselves and a draw would have been a fair result, hut you don't always get what you deserve in football."

Reading had broken the deadlock on 52 minutes when Mick Gooding floated a free-kick from the left and the ball was deflected past Tony Kelly off Chris Lucketti. Bury were level five minutes later when the ball was rolled from a free-kick to Tony Rigby on the edge of the area, and he flicked it into the air before lashing a volley into the net.

Havelange makes an apology to Nigeria

João Havelange, the president of football's world governing body, Fifa, yesterday apologised to Nigeria for preventing them hosting the World Youth Cup in

After meeting Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, and offering the country the 1997 tournament instead, Havelange said the decision to switch the championship from Nigeria to Qatar was based on reports Fifa re-ceived at the time that there were outbreaks of cholera and meningitis at two of the venues due to to be used for the event. Havelange admitted: "It is

not easy to say that no one

ing, I can commit mistakes and you should excuse me for that

He also confirmed that Nigeria may host the 1997 tournament, which was due to be staged in Malaysia. Havelange said: "I intend to travel to Malaysia with Isa Hayatou [the African football president | with a view to getting the 1997 competition back to Nigeria and giving Malaysia the 1999 hosting rights." This is the compromise I am

offering to this country. I feel honoured to be received and I am happy His Excellency has reiterated his desire to see the 1997 competition take place in Havelange is leading a Fifa

delegation on a four-day visit to Nigeria at the invitation of the military government to explain wby Fifa cancelled the event. Jim Nwobodo, the Nigerian

sports minister, said last week that Nigeria was going to ask Fifa to give it a second chance to host the tournament to recoup the losses incurred this Lennart Johansson, the pres-

he was a candidate to replace the Brazilian in 1998.

ident of Uefa, the European governing body, buoyed by his success in a power battle against Havelange, said yesterday that

But Johansson said after a meeting of the Uefa executive committee that had asked him to stand that he did not expect a power battle with his old rival, because Havelange had told Fifa he was retiring after his cur-rent term in office. "He has of-ficially declared that he is stepping down," Johansson said. Johansson, a Swede who is

leading a European campaign to curb Havelange's power within world football, continued: "I haven't asked, but I have been asked by the members of the comminee to stand for election." Asked if he expected to win, he replied: "I'm not going to campaign. I'm not going to do anything. I've worked in football for 40 years now and people know me. If they like me, they'll vote for me, If they don't, I won't cry."

packing by his club

Schuster is sent

Overseas football

The Bundesliga club, Bayer Leverkusen, parted company with the former German international midfielder, Bernd Schuster, yesterday after a bitter dispute with the player.

The German First Division side said they had told the 35year-old at a meeting that he no longer played for the club. Bay-er said both parties would investigate hringing a legal end to Schuster's contract which, is due to run until June 1997.

Last Friday the Bayer board and the coach, Erich Ribbeck, decided to drop Schuster, claiming that he was threatening legal action against the club. Schuster, one of the most talented players Germany has produced, denied the allegation but lost the captaincy the following day after a players' vote.
While one veteran may have

reached the end of his career, which took him from Cologne to Leverkusen via Barcelona and both Madrid clubs, another is looking forward to a come-

has not played since January, said yesterday he would be

joining team sessions at Bayern Munich from Monday.

"I've missed the games in training," he said. "The comeback is very, very important for my psyche... [but] I would be kidding myself if I thought I could return to action this year."

Matthaus, who has won 122 caps and played at four World Cup finals, hurt the tendon during a friendly last January. After an initial operation he was due to return at the start of the season, hut problems resurfaced during pre-season training and the 1994 World Cup captain was forced to undergo another operation to remove a

cyst on the tendon in July.

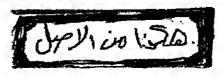
Matthaus, who has spent most of his days in the weight training room in recent months. raining room in recent months, is determined not to return too quickly this time. He does not expect to play for Bayern until the end of the Bundesliga's winter break in mid-February.

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The Barcelona goalkeeper. Carlos Busquets, put his quick reactions to good use this week - but it may cost him his place in the Spanish club's team.

At his home in the Catalan

cny, and is looking to the full training next to full training next capped in mid-air as it was about to full on his four-year-old son, Aitor. As a result, Busquets has both hands bandaged after suffering second degree hurns, and is doubtful for this weekend's doubtful for this weekend's First Division match against



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ENGLAND A - Second Innings

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and we are hoping he'll be fit

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Craig White, who injured a

practice match against another

He is in need of an impres-

sive display because Irani has

staked a strong claim for the all-

rounder's place for the A Test after his 5 for 19 on the third day, IFINAI day of low: Combined 13 won loss, COMBINED XI - First Innings 204 (Azam Khan

Emburey said.

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Tennis Britain's Tim Hanman moved into the quarter finals of the men's ATP Challenger in Pelang yesterday. The top seed

defied wintry conditions to beat Bentry Wilaya, of Indonesia, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3. KREMILIN CUP (Moscow) Second round: Y Nato-nicov (Rust br.C. Pobre 164 7-5 6-1; 0 Vares, 102 Rvo) bi A Chesrokov (Rust 7-5 6-3; 8 Black Grat) bi J Hasek (Switt 3-6 6-3 6-4; A Volhov (Rust bi S Groen (Neth) 5-7 6-2 6-3.

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MEN'S ATP CHALLENGER (Polding) Second round; 7 Herman (GB) bt 8 Virjaya (moon) 6-7-5 6-3.

UNION AT THE CROSSROADS: Commission unveils plans for new era RFU blueprint to move

Five Nations' to May

The entire structure of European - never mind English rugby umon will be redesigned if the Rugby Football Union has its way. Yesterday the RFU's commission on professional-ism produced a radical blueprint for the new era which, most strikingly, would shift the Five Nations' Championship in its entirety to May from January. February and March.

With the professional season end and May at the other, the rest of it is divided into bite-sized chunks one of which accommodates an enlarged European clubs' tournament to be played

on weekends during the autumn. The RFU envisages a fourstrong English representation out of 16 in Europe, with the remaining six clubs in the domestie First Division partici-pating in an Anglo-Welsh competition at the same time.

The First Division would take place before and after, with space also available for incoming international and provincial sides, the latter allowing for a continuation of the divisions hut not in a Divisional Championship. The present Second. Third and Fourth Divisions would be adapted into two divisions of 14, the new Third having to be reduced from an initial

It at the end of next season. Twickenham's ambitious ideas are really no more than a series of debating points or bargaining positions where they impinge on relations with other unions. The Five Nations' committee, for instance, will be incredulous at the May proposal, if only because it imagined it had addressed the issue by moving the Championship

Moratorium on professionalism and 120-day registration period stay until the end of this season. Five Nations Journament to be

Players will not be entitled to per-centage of transfer fees, but may negonate a signing on fee.

Club contracts can be negonated

now pending end of moratorium.

Leagues restructured from next season: First Division, 10 learns; Sec and Division, 14: Thart Division, 16.

Top four clubs in First Division, 16. Top four clubs in First Division to take part in European tournament. Remaining six First Dursion clubs to take part in an Anglo-Weish tour-

be seven days for top three leagues.

Registration to be 30 days for all other Leagues from 1996-97.

question of the European Rug-hy Cup, which has been launched in the past fortnight not only without English involvement hut also with persistent English denigration, Relations within the five nations are such that the RFU has an overwhelming hearts-and-minds campaign to win before it can

hope to have its plans accepted. The underlying agenda appears to be dictated by television - which is not necessarily a bad thing, since the funding of professionalism is hound to rely in large measure on how much governing bodies can extract for hroadcasting rights. The English seasonal format could now be sold in one big, multi-million pound block or broken down

into its constituent parts. Either way, the RFU has

a more attractive match to play

and to watch when the weather

ter only five minutes, when

Darren Burns hurst on to a

loose ball before outstripping

the defence for a popular score.

soon able to use their pace and

power to break the Edinburgh

defence, with the hooker, Tala

Leiasamaivao, and the winger,

Brian Lima adding to Patu's tries

to secure the victory.

However, the Samoans were

That view was echood by Jack

is finer.

Last Saturday's Independent disclosed the RFU's proposals

English rugby braced for flood of moves

Main proposals of commission

 Player qualification: free passage from rugby league.
 Restrictions on other home union internationals in English clubs lifted.

Discipline: an independent panel

until proved guity; therefore no more automatic suspension when sent off. RFU to be restructured. Commit-

prolessionals and seven an professionals and seven arriateurs with present secretary. Tony Hallert, in the chair and holding casting vote.

Football-style pre-season Charity Shield to be staged in August between English and Welsh champions and cup winners. May begin in 1996.

Divisional Championship to be

scrapped; County Championship stays been quietly talking to broadcasters and, just for starters, bas come up with a figure of at least double the £20m or so three-year deal already struck with ITV for the nascent European Cup. The union is carnestly hoping that

this sort of money will talk. Other aspects of the commission's proposals are as disclosed in last Saturday's Independent. The moratorium on professionalism will be lifted once this season is over and the 120-day transfer qualification period reduced to a nominal seven days. In the meantime clubs are at liberty to negotiate contracts pend-

ing the end of the moratorium. This season's only active contract will be the England one, with Cellnet due to announce today the sponsorship that will pay the squad for their season's work

moment, but I think once the

players get used to it they will

better game. And after all, this

is only a position paper, it has

Browne endorsed the Welsh

view about fans, pointing out

that the cost of travelling twice

in the same month to Five Na-

tions games may deter some

supporters. Jones made it clear

that England were not going to

get things all their own way. "I have not seen a full copy of the

RFU proposals, but they will ob-

viously have to be analysed in de-

tail by our general committee.

We need to find what is good for

us all and best for the game, not

just for one party," he insisted.

tion from within the RFU ex-

ecutive. Denis Easby, the

immediate past president, whose

year in office was tarnished by

the sacking and rapid reinstate-

There could even be opposi-

yet to be negotiated

settle down and we will see a

beginning with the South Africa match at Twickenham on Saturday week. Ultimately, after a period of dovetailing national and club contracts, the union envisages a time when players will be subject only to club contracts with the necessary international commitment wrinen in.

This is of no assistance to Rob Andrew in his quest to put a new Newcastle team on the pitch but the restructuring of the top di-visions will entail the absence of relegation this season and so secure Newcastle's place in the Second Division, The National Clubs' Association is likely to ratify this when it meets today.

Professional rugby has forced the RFU reluctantly to adopt a free passage from rughy teague into English rugby union and a rapid demise of the iniquitous restrictions on the number of British and Irish players free to play at English clubs. An inde-pendent disciplinary panel wilt be established to judge offenders in the National League.

Transferring players will be permitted to negotiate signingon fees but not percentages of transfer fees, and there will be a tribunal to rule on disputed transfers. Non-contracted players from lower-league clubs who sign contracts with Narional League clubs will earn their original clubs the princely con-sideration of £100.

The commission also contemplated the administration of the RFU, recommending a restructuring of the executive so that it changed its name to board of management and its composition so that it more adequately reflected the professional end of the game. However, the final word will be had by the non-professionals at a special general meeting of the 2,200

ing to have a hell of a long season

if the Five Nations' Champion-

ship is moved into May. Sec-

ondly, I am not sure about

reducing the size of the execu-

tive committee, which, since

Tony Hallett will be the chair-

man, would give an 8-7 majori-

ty to the professionals on it. The

but I do not think they should

have a majority.

ofessionals' views are valuable

Overall it seems that on the

domestic front the RFU can ex-

pect little opposition from the

First Division clubs, who passed

a vote of no confidence in the

commission not long ago after

being refused a representative

on it in addition to Bath's chair-

their own blucprint for the fu-

ture. There are differences, but

Mawditt said: "I've every hope

that the First Division clubs' re-

port and this commission report

will dovetail very nicely.

Those clubs this week issued

man, Richard Mawditt



Angus Fraser (left) keeps a close eye on Devon Malcolm's front foot **Knight steadies A team**

Kiwis check India's early progress

Cricket

India 120-3 v New Zealand

loss to 77 for 3 on the rain-interrupted first day of the third Test in Cuttack yesterday before an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 43 between captain Mohammad Azharrudin and Navjot Sidhu stopped the rot.

India, one up in the three-Test series, were given a useful start by Manoj Prabhakar and Ajay Jadeja before Chris Cairns and Dion Nash took a wicket each.

Cairus then struck the biggest blow when he bowled Sachin Tendulkar for two as the batsman tried to play to the on-side and had his leg stump up-rooted.

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England A win by six wickets India slumped from 69 without John Emburey, the England Hussain. "At the end of the day manager, was a bappy man after his team maintained their

England A 312 and 116-4

Karachi Combined XI 204 and

100 per cent start to their Pakistan tour with a comfortable six-wicket win over a Combined XI in Karachi yesterday. Nick Knight, the opening batsman who played in two Tests against the West Indies this summer, steered England to their victory target of 116 with

an undefeated 71. He received solid support from Yorkshire's teenage batsman, Anthony McGrath, who shared in an unbroken fifthwicket stand of 60. They repaired the damage after a hatting collapse had seen Eng-

land tumble to 18 for 3. "I'm very pleased with the result. Every match is an experiment," Emburey said, "This is what a tour of India or Pakistan wickets, very slow wickets.

is all about, pressure, spinning "I'm impressed with the character of Anthony McGrath.

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The American LPGA tour will now con-sist of 39 events next year, after two extra tournaments were yesterday

added to the schedule, raising the to-tal prize money to £16.8m. The new tournaments are the £400,000 Betsy King Classer to be played from 10-13.

October in Reading, Pennsylvenia, and the £333,000 Sacramento Classic

from 4-7 April in California. The sour will open with the Tournament of Champi-

ons from 11-14 January in Orlando.

Jane Sosmith gave Great Britain the lead

in the 42nd minute against the United States in Cape Town yesterday, as the

Goff

"Mike Smith has a strained

for the four-day game between responsibility, technique and composure. I thought he handled the pressure very well." Emburey also had words of praise for his captain, Nasser hand on the first day of the tour. will he playing tomorrow when England A play an additional

He's only 19 and was playing with a tummy upset. He hatted lower at No 6 but batted with

the hottom line is that Nasser led the side very well." he said. "The key for us were those

two partnerships in the second innings between Nasser and Shaun Udal and Ed Giddens and Udal. They were the turning point of the match. Earlier the Combined XI

batted for 50 minutes with Taufiq Bader lending admirable support to Mohammad Ramzan, staying at the wicket for 83 minutes to score just five runs. Ramzan carried his bat for an accomplished 121, displaying amazing concentration for 375 minutes while facing 259 balls. England A now move on to

Lahorc where they play a couple of games before the start of the first Test in Multan on 17 November, In the interim period they will be hoping for some key bowlers to recover

Rugby League

Rugby Union

side. We will not be thinking of BRITTENS: Treble thance: 24pts £50 60, 23 £1.80. Four draws £2.30. Five tweys £88.65. Eight homes £49.50 ZETTENS: Treble chance: 24pts £96.55, 23 £2.50. Easy six £234.40. Four straws £4.90. Bight homes £15.60 Four weeps £1-80. Gools gallore iped on 157 £036 £3.00.

The England prop. Deen Sampson, has been cleared after being placed on report for a clash during Castelord's defeat by the London Broncos on Sunday, Salford's Weish lorward, David Young,

dans to move back home to play rug-

TOUR MATCH: Edinburgh District 22 West-em Samoa 35.

Russell Courts, New Zealand's winning

Amenca's Cup skipper, was yesterday named the Sperny World Saulor of the Year, in succession to his San Diego syndicate chief and fellow Kwin, Sir Peter

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the women's award for her record first leg in the single-handed BOC Round the

by union, despite approaches Cardiff and other clubs.

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Japan's Hiroshi Kawashima reteined his World Boxing Council super-flyweight to-tle yesterday when he stopped in-

tonesia's Boy Aruan in the third round. ice hockey

ATLANTIC DIVISION

Football
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SPORTING DIGEST **Basketball**

England gave a lift to their preparations for Sunday's European Championship game against Germany in Sheffield when they defeated the Netherlands 87-72 in Amsterdam on Tuesday. Nine points from Karl Brown in a 13-0 run gave England in stock with the stock of the st land a match-winning 63-38 lead in the

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PACIFIC DIVISION

Football

squad prepare for next week's Otyr Qualifying Tournament. The game was halted for poor light 15 minutes from time with no further scoring. Pools

Snooker

lenge match against John Virgo at Leices-ter's De Montfort Haif on Tuesday, taking his career total of maximums to 93. He also made a break of 96 in the match, which he won 6-1,

Jimmy White scored two maximum breaks of 147 in a seven-frame chal-

SOUTH AMERICAN OPEN (Buenos Aires) First round: A Correge (Sp) of S Dosedel(Cz Rop) G-4 G-C; A Borasategu (Sp) bt / Atrese (Sp) 6-2 6-4.

Who's next on Andrew's Newcastle shopping list? DECEMBER LAUNCH ISSUE ON SALE NOW

* 'We need to find what is good

for us all and best for the game' The report may be hristling with ideas, but it has also got people's David Llewellyn reports on a mixed ment of Will Carling as England captain, said: "Two things conhackles up, notably the RFU pro- reception for the RFU's proposals cemme. One, the players are goposal to move the Five Nations' Championship to May. The Welsb Rugby Union secretary, Edward Jones, said last night: "I do not think it is feasible. There are a number of major issues to he addressed, not least the de-

tential pressures for fans." Ireland's secretary. Philip Browne, added weight to the argument against such a revolutionary switch, saying: "Here in Ireland such a move would have some disadvantages at that time of the year. For instance, the National Hurling League is at its

day of the month taken up. Ben Clarke, the England No 8, said: "I think a Five Nations tournament in consecutive weeks is not a good idea. But I welcome the idea that it could be played at the end of the season.

Rowell, the England manager, who explained: "I think overall it is a slep forward, in that the mands on the players and pogame will be played at a more user-friendly time of year, when surfaces will be firmer. I've been a fan of moving the Five Nations oul of midwinter for a long time. We all thirst for dynamic and flexible rugby these days as played on the superior surfaces

in the Southern Hemisphere. To do that we have to move out of height in May, with every Sun-January and February and look

to the spring."
But Rowell said his initial reaction was slightly different. "My first thoughts were: "The players have already got enough on their shoulders. The thought It is rugby's premier event in the of some of them playing 10 months on the trot - if not northern hemisphere at the moquicker - is mind-boggling at the ment and I just feel it would be

Samoans start with a win Edinburgh Western Samoa After an early shock when they found themselves 10-0 down, Western Samoa recovered to

Scotland and England with a comfortable win over Edinhurgh at Inverleith yesterday. Veli Patu, the full-back, grabbed three of Western Samoa's five tries, but the tourists were never able to rout Edinburgh whose captain, Ally Don-

open their 12-match tour of

aldson, kicked 17 points. "There were a lot of flaws in our game," complained the Samoan team manager, Bryan Williams. "Il was a typical first game of a lour. Edinburgh took the lead af-

Skelton heads British entry Equestrianism Nick Skelton returns this weekend to the indoor show which proved a lucky omen for him on the way to his Volvo World Cup

brumph last season. Skelton is among a strong British contingent competing at the Millstreet Indoor Internaforal in County Cork - the fifth 14 European League qualiflers for next April's World Cup final in Geneva.

The 37-year-old Warwickshire rider, who spends most of the year at overseas shows, won last year's Millstreet qualifier on Everest Dollar Girl. It was his only victory in the

European series and he only just secured a place among the eventual finalists. But having got to Gothenhung he went on to win the three-leg final for the higgest success of his career. Skelton, whose internation-

al successes this year have included victory in the San Marino Grand Prix with Showtime in September, lines up with his regular British team-mates, John and Micbael Whitaker, in the four-day show starting to-

John Whitaker, Britain's only other World Cup winner, has family backing from his children Louise and Robert, who are due to compete in the pony classes.

Wright out of international following ban

The British Lions prop Peter Wright will miss Scotland's home international against Western Samoa on 18 November after being suspended for six weeks at a Scottish Rugby Union disciplinary hearing. The ban follows his sending-off for verhally abusing the referee Ken McCartney during a league match at Gala last

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R. Mehlulty (E month. Cardiff have asked their Welsh rivals, Llanelli, to pay compen-sation to Mike Hall, after a clash with the Llanelli lock Tony Copsey in September that left their player with a fractured

cheekbone. Hall refused to take Copsey to court, but is concerned over his loss of earnings and Cardiff are now acting on bis behalf for what is the first request of this type in Welsh rugby.

> TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of women authors on the six-strong shortlist for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year. Either The Prizefighters by Arlene Schulman or Out of Bounds by Lauren St John could win £5,000.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Em

Test in Pretoria, gets under way here today. And, for one member of the touring party at least, scoring runs against South Africa A would represent the higgest relief in this part of the world since Mafeking.
Robin Smith has long nursed

a hurning amhition to play Test cricket in the country of his birth, but unless he makes a decent score here, his tour could well disappear into the equivdiamond mine known as The

In Afrikaans, this translates into "die Groote Gatt", althere on Wednesday, England's players remain as unconvinced that it is anything like large

lectors will be about picking Smith ahead of John Crawley unless the Durban-born batsman gets himself hack into form over the next four days.

South Africa's A side represents comfortably the strongest opposition England have faced thus far, and when Smith propped up the Diamond Fields Advertiser over his morning comflakes yesterday, he was not amused to find himself reading alent of Kimberley's most no- that an 18-year-old wrist spintable landmark, a dereliet ner is about to have him for hreakfast

Smith's preference for quick-er bowling, notwithstanding the fractured cheekbone he sustained against Ian Bishop last summer, is well known, and he now finds his Test place under threat from an 18-year-old left-

England's final warm-up game, ecough to be named after the hefore next week's opening Middlesex captain as the se-England camp on the eve of their final pre-Test warm-up

> arm chinaman bowler from Western Province with a whirring action that has been likened to a cross between a discus throw-

er and a frog in a food mixer. Paul Adams described himself as "stunned" by his selection for this game, but his confidence will certainly not have been harmed by taking an aggregate 8 for 190 in 60 overs in WP's Castle Cup victory over Northern Transvaal earlier this week, and he will not be left waiting for a bowl any longer than it takes for Smith

to emerge from the pavilion. Smith, however, like the rest of England's batsmen, will be encouraged by the prospect of the first pitch of any pace they

have so far encountered on tour. The theory that the South Africans have deliberately been preparing pitches with the consistency of a fresh cow-pat is not subscribed to by Raymond Illingworth, who reserves all his

suspicions of a conspiracy for

South African hotels. As a long-time winter resident in Torremolinos, the England chairman has not heard so much banging and drilling since the early days of Spanish package holidays, although it would be a rare noise indeed to drown out Raymond when proferring his opinion on various matters, whether confronting a hotel manager or a reporter's notebook.

When it comes to Illing-

worth making remarks of a less than complimentary nature. there has not been much to choose between South African hotels and Devon Malcolm, and Smith is not the only England player regarded as a cer-tainty before the tour began to find himself playing for his place in this match.

In the receot list of England chairmen, Peter May tried hard to say nothing at all, Ted Dexter was prone to lapse into riddles, while Illingworth's preference for saying precisely what he thinks without pausing to consider the consequences means that the area between cranium and larynx can fairly be described as the Pudsey By-Pass.

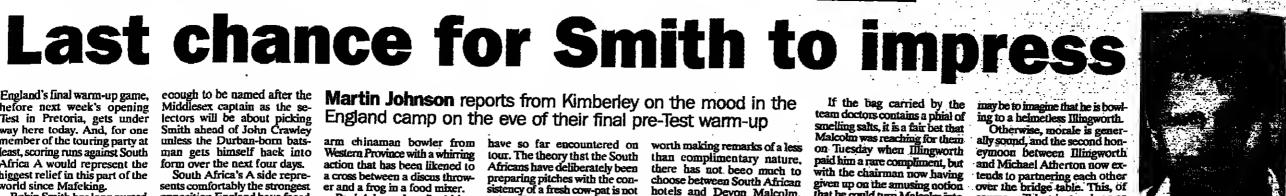
If the hag carried by the team doctors contains a phial of smelling salts, it is a fair bet that Malcolm was reaching for them on Tuesday when Illingworth paid him a rare compliment, but with the chairman now having given up on the amusing notion that he could turn Malcolm into a model of line and length, Mal-colm will have to do something more than an adequate performance in this game to secure his

place in Pretoria next Thursday. So far he has bowled only 24 overs in South Africa, and his only wicket came in the equivalent of Arundel's cucumber sandwiches' match against Nicky Oppen-heimer's XI. Derogatory comments from the management have probably had the opposite effect on Malcolm's morale to the one intended, and Malcolm's best bet over the next four days

may be to imagine that he is bowling to a helmetless Illingworth.

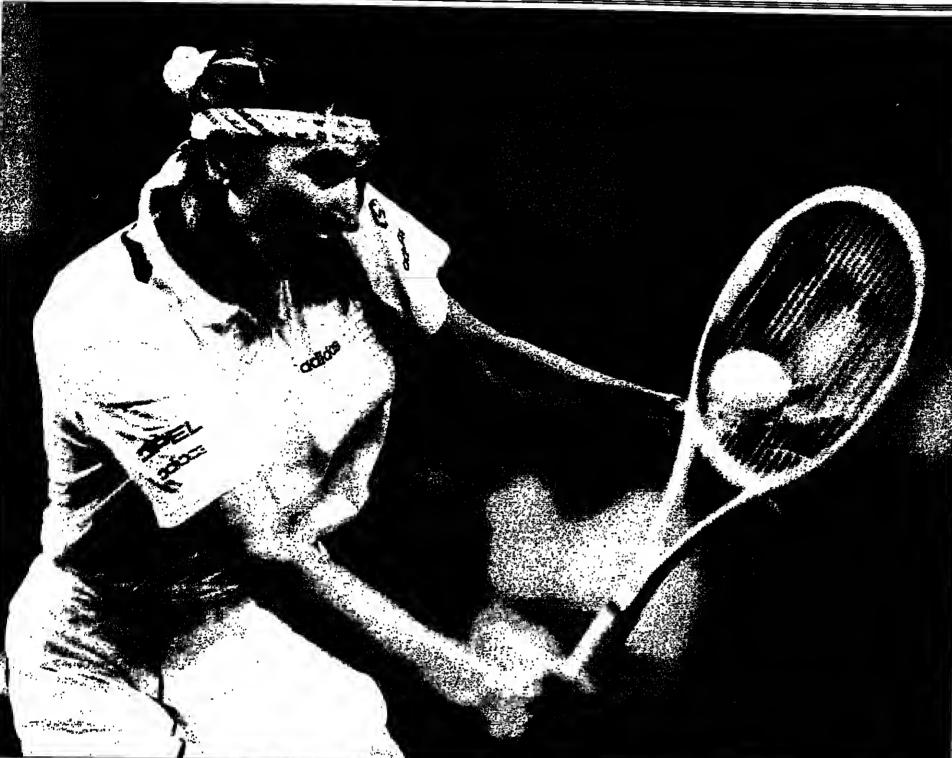
ally sound, and the second honeymoon between Illingworth and Michael Atherton now extends to partnering each other over the bridge table. This, of course, will last just as long as Atherton does not go four down in three no trumps with Raymond's rands on the table, and there is also the usual caution-ary note that Eugland's morale on overseas tours rarely survives the opening Test match.

England are not quite field-ing their putative Test side here given that Dominic Cork is



Smith: time running out

Malcolm's Test selection on this of all tours, a good be more hanging on it than a game of cricket. Described Nelson Mandela as the stroyer early on the tour, a role model for thousand



On the ball: Steffi Graf hits a backhand during her hard-earned victory over Amy Frazier in the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia yesterday

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19 Is able to reproduce savoury morsel (6) Bit of patois used, perversely – very little (4) 23 Foreign clergyman rock-

ing babe (4)

Graf made to struggle

Tennis

Steffi Graf, the top seed, fought hack from a set and a break down to heat the unseeded Amy Frazier 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia yesterday.

Graf, playing in only her sec-ond match since winning her fourth US Open title in September, won the first two games against Frazier hut lost the next six games and had her serve broken in the third, fifth and sev-

enth games. The 26-year-old German, jointly ranked No I in the world with Monica Seles, surrendered another break to fall behind 2-1 in the second set but broke Frazier in the next game and levelled the set with a break in the 10th game, when Frazier made four consecutive unforced er-TOTS.

Graf used service breaks in the second and sixth games to hreeze through the third set. Since the US Open, Graf's only match had been a firstround defeat to Mariaan de Swardt at the Brighton tourna-

ment last month. Off the court, she has been at the centre of media scrutiny as her father, Peter, remains in a German jail after his arrest in August on tax charges.
"There's no question there

are a lot of things in my life that make it difficult to concentrate," Graf said. "There hasn't been a consistent flow over the last two years."

Lisa Raymond, who grew up in Wayne. Pennsylvania, 15 miles from Philadelphia, struggled in the first set before overcoming Helena Sukova, the

world No 24. After a 24-minute first set, Raymond, ranked 20th, saved two hreak points and won the

second set on her third set point. Neither player hroke serve in the final set, and in the tie-break Raymond rallied from a 4-2 deficit to win 1-6, 6-4, 7-6, hitting a series of overhead winners to set up match point.

Nathalie Tauziat defeated Julie Halard 6-4, 6-4 in the firstround match between two French women, while Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, of the Netherlands, overpowered Caroline Vis, a qualifier, 6-3, 6-4. Schultz-McCarthy served an ace in almost every game as well as on match point.

Mary Joe Fernandez, the sixth seed from the United States who won the Brighton event last month, withdrew from the tournament because of a shoulder injury she aggravated last weekend at the Bank of the West Classic in Oakland.

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Duff backs Wharton's cause

Boxing

Mickey Duff believes Henry Wharton is firmly on course to fulfil his potential by hecoming a world champion.

The veteran fight promoter sees the Yorkshire fighter's first defence of the European supermiddleweight title against the Ulsterman Sam Storey on Saturday as a stepping stone lowards a third attempt at a world title. With Wharton's two previous

conquerors, Nigel Benn and Chris Enbank, both off the scene, the way is clear for the 27-yearold to establish himself as Britain's best hope of keeping a high profile in the 12st division.

Duff, who takes hig-time boxing to Halifax for the first time this weekend with an 1,800 sell-out at the Northgate Leisure Centre, shares Wharton's desire to make it third time

lucky on the world stage. "I am almosi as determined as Henry himself for him to become world champion," Duff said, "I have helicved in his abil-

ity from day one.
"He was extremely unlucky in February last year against Benn when he got going too late and lost on points, and also very un-fortunate to lose the decision to Eubank last December.

"His left eye was almost closed on that occasion as early as the second round and he

could only fight square on, not sideways. It meant he was a sitting duck.

Wharton can consider himself unlucky to have been around in the same era as Eubank, who recently announced his retirement, and Benn, who insists he will fight only twice more.

But victory over Storey will lead to a fight with the former champion and mandatory European challenger, Frederic Seillier of France, then an attempt to win one of the four world belts at present held by Benn (World Boxing Council), Steve Collins (World Boxing Organisation), Roy Jones (International Boxing Federation) and Frankie Liles (World Boxing Association).

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Football

Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, yesterday the summer, gives United cleared the way for Paul Ince to return to English football, as hut Edwards said his clubs speculation concerning his future not be activating it. "I don't reached fever pitch. Arsenal, Tottenham and Newcastle were all reported to be interested in signing Internazionale's unset-tled midfield player last night.

The matter is likely to reach a conclusion today, with Italy's transfer window coming to a ma today to secure the second close tonight at 7pm. Inter of the Swedish intermed close tonight at 7pm. Interturned down a £6.5m hid from Arsenal last week hut the suggestion in Italy this week has been that Massimo Moratti, the Inter chairman, is prepared to part with Ince to fund the acquisition of a new striker, which is seen as a priority for the ailing team.

Ince is thought to have had come to England. "I arriver fiks with Arsenal this week, with fident that Brolin will join a talks with Arsenal this week, with a report that he was in discussions with the club yesterday. A claim last night that Tottenham to come here," Fotherby a had topped the hid of their Sheffield Wednesday. north Locdon rivals was quickly denied in Italy. Another report suggested that Newcastle, for whom the fee would oot be a

problem, had joined the chase. With Inter desperate to sign a striker - Sampdoria's Robero Mancini, Roma's Branca and Caio Ribeiro of Brazil's San Paolo are the principal targets - the Ince deal may hinge on their success today. If Inter are unable to sign anyone by tonight there would

seem little point in selling A clause in Ince's com-agreed when United sold 28-year-old to Inter for the refusal on any future tra our manager, Alex Fergig interested in bringing Inc. to Old Trafford. We would tainly not object if Ince wan

join one of our rivals," he Leeds expect to begin a ations with the Italian chi striker Tomas Brolin, The year-old passed a medicalland Road on Tuesday returning to Sweden to co the move, but Bill Fother Leeds managing director, a fident that having turned three Serie A chibs Broken still have one or two loose to tie op but we believe hei

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